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Soccer sculpture

Hampton Roads' soccer players and fans will unveil and dedicate a sculpture at the new Virginia Beach Soccer Complex Oct. 12 at 12:30 p.m., during the Virginia Beach Columbus Day Soccer Tournament.

Created in memory of varsity and Beach FC (Virginia Beach Travel Soccer Club) players Matthew Fidler and Ryan Smith, the sculpture will be set in a memorial garden near Field 6, which has been named in their honor.

Art auction

The Pembroke Kiwanis Art Auction featuring food, drink, fun and great art will be held Friday, Oct. 24. Preview is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., auction from 7:30-10 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, 2200 Park Ave. Tickets are $15 per person, available in advance and at the door. The auction benefits Pembroke Kiwanis charities, including Special Olympics, Seton House and Make A Wish Foundation. For tickets/sponsorship information, contact Dan Hargrave, 631-4760, or David Klemt Sr., 491-1333.

Inlet workshop

The Virginia Beach Department of Public Works will conduct a public workshop on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., at the Virginia Marine Science Museum Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion (South Building). The purpose is to report the findings of two studies related to Rudee Inlet Maintenance Alternatives and obtain public input prior to acting on the recommendations contained in the studies. The studies investigated various alternatives for maintenance dredging at Rudee Inlet. For more information, call Department of Public Works/Beach Management, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 427-4167.

Prepaid education

Virginia Beach residents will have an opportunity to learn first-hand how to save money on college tuition and mandatory fees through the Virginia Prepaid Education Program (VPEP) by attending a public meeting on Monday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at Larkspur Middle School, 4696 Princess Anne Rd. VPEP enables parents, grandparents and others to prepay college tuition and mandatory fees at community colleges, four-year universities, or a combination of the two. The program is open to children in the ninth grade or younger if the child or the purchaser is a resident of Virginia. The plan offers a variety of payment options and tax advantages. For more information about the program, call Yolanda Jones-Howell, 427-4886.

Spaced out

October's planetarium program at the Virginia Beach Public Schools planetarium, "Cosmic Whispers," unfolds the story of radio telescopes from Karl Jansky's discovery of the background noise from the center of the galaxy, to perfecting early warning radar during the World War II, and finally to the sophisticated present-day use of multiple radio telescopes to study the universe.

Programs will be on Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. There will be a telescope outing after the Oct. 28 program, weather permitting.

For information call, 431-4067, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Deer/hog hunt

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge will conduct its annual deer and feral hog hunt from Oct. 4 through 11.

The refuge will be closed to all other public use activities during that period. Closure is necessary to ensure public safety. False Cape State Park, located south of the refuge, will also be closed during the same time period for a similar hunt.

Shotgun and archery hunting will be open to selected applicants. Individuals who were not selected in the lottery or did not apply for this year's hunt, may still be able to participate as "standbys." Interested hunters should arrive at the refuge between 4-5 a.m. on each morning of the hunt and register for the "standby" lottery.

Gates will close promptly at 5 a.m. and no one is allowed to enter the refuge after that time.

For information call 721-2412.

Antique show

The Princess Anne Woman's Club of Virginia Beach will hold its 39th Annual Antiques Show Sale Oct. 24-26 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

Proceeds from the show support area scholarships, club charities and community service projects.

Show hours are: Oct. 24, 11 a.m-9 p.m.; Oct. 25, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; and, Oct. 26, 12:30 p.m.-6 p.m. Admission is $3.50 with free parking.

Black rodeo pays tribute to the forgotten cowboys



RIDE 'EM COWBOY! Audiences will thrill to fancy riding, roping skills, bulldogging and more.

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

Some lucky ladies will get the chance to wine and dine a real-live cowboy when the Bill Pickett Invitational Black Rodeo, scheduled for this weekend at Princess Anne Park, kicks off Friday.

The rodeo, which will feature barrel racing, calf roping, bulldogging, a performance by Hollywood stunt man Rex Purefay and other traditional rodeo events, will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday's events are reserved for students and senior citizens, but shows for the general public are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A pig roast and "date with a cowboy auction" will headline Friday night's events at the park. About six of the rodeo cowboys have volunteered as dates for ladies who choose to bid on the chance to accompany a cowboy to dinner and an evening of entertainment.

Proceeds from the pig roast and auction will be used to help support the rodeo and "other historical, educational and cultural events," according to Freddi Moody, president of the African American Cultural Council.

The council is sponsoring the rodeo, Moody continued, to raise awareness of the role African-Americans played in settling the West.

Although the Hollywood image of a cowboy is always that of a tall white guy, many African-Americans worked as cowboys after they fled to the western states in the mid-19th century searching for freedom and economic opportunities that were denied them in the East.

"The history books don't talk about the role African Americans had in settling the Old West," Moody said.

But some of the key players in the Underground Railroad advised escaping slaves to go West, rather than North. After the Civil War, others were lured there by the prospect of owning land and escaping the prejudice and legal restrictions in the East.

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LET'S GO TO THE RODEO!

What: Bill Pickett Invitational Black Rodeo.
When: Friday through Sunday. Kids' Day Friday, public days Saturday and Sunday 3:30 p.m.
Who: Sponsored by African-American Cultural Council.
Where: Princess Anne Park.
For more information: Call 460-3093.

Agencies break ground for new 'gateway' to bay

Special to the Sun

Virginia State Park officials, Virginia Beach tourism leaders and Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf broke ground Monday on a new environmentally-focused visitor information center.

The Chesapeake Bay Center, a cooperative effort between the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, First Landing/Seashore State Park, Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development and the Virginia Marine Science Museum, among others, will welcome vacationers who enter via Route 60 on Shore Drive.

The 2,500-square-foot center will serve as the "Gateway to the Chesapeake Bay," complete with outside aquariums, environmental exhibits and displays, classroom space and a wet lab and touch tank developed by the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

"A visitor center with a focus on the environment is a natural for Virginia Beach which has easy access to some of the state's most pristine parks and natural areas," said Ron Kuhlman, director of marketing and sales for the Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development, which is developing plans for the center's reception area and exhibits in partnership with First Landing/Seashore State Park and the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

"Twenty-two percent of the city's annual 2.2 million visitors enter Virginia Beach by way of Shore Drive, so the center's location is ideal in helping to better serve vacationers, many of whom travel across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel from the Eastern Shore," Kuhlman said.

Virginia Beach tourism officials, in cooperation with State Park managers, National Wildlife Refuge officials and regional businesses, already work cooperative to publish a self-guided brochure of Southeastern Virginia's ecological areas — and are planning the third Southeastern Virginia Ecotourism Symposium, scheduled next spring. The idea for a visitor center at First Landing/Seashore State Park also grew out of the group's discussions.

Funds to develop the visitor center's interior came from Virginia Beach's Capital Improvements Program. The Virginia Marine Science Museum received funding assistance from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Foundation to create the wet lab and touch tank.

The Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development, which plans and implements marketing strategies to attract consumer, convention/meeting and group travelers, also operates the Virginia Beach Visitor Information Center at Parks Avenue and three kiosk locations along Atlantic Avenue.

Scouts step back into time to try hands at early-American skills

By Bob Ruegsegger
Correspondent

The Lynnhaven House — the 18th century Princess Anne County home of Francis and Abigail Thelaball — recently hosted its annual 18th Century Skills and Scout Day last weekend. The annual promotion has become one of the most popular among Virginia Beach's younger citizens.

Lynnhaven House administrator Shirley Bueche views Skills and Scout Day simply and directly.

"The philosophy behind Skills and Scout Day is that we would like for children and young people to know how their forefathers did things in their day," Bueche said.

"For instance, they had to have candles to have light," she gave as an illustration. "Most of them at this particular time used candles; candles were very expensive for most of the people — especially those that lived in the country," she added.

"We just feel that young people today don't have an appreciation for all the things that their forefathers could do — and what a lot of work it was," said Bueche.



Photo by Bob Ruegsegger

HANDIWORK. Girl Scouts tried their hands at 18th century domestic skills and crafts at the Lynnhaven House.

Simply keeping house was a challenge in itself.

"It's a lot of work to make soap and to make candles and to do the spinning and the weaving," she commented. "They don't realize that most people wore linen back then and that you really had to start from scratch."

Planting the seed and growing the

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Festival draws to damp end

By Margaret Windley
Correspondent

The Neptune spirit lived despite bad weather during the month-long celebration's culmination last weekend.

Rain and the threat of thunderstorms and high winds may have cancelled the Neptune Parade on Sunday, closed the stages and caused several vendors and artists to close their booths, yet a few brave souls came out to view the efforts of the professional sand castle builders with the raw materials of the beach.

Saturday was a much more pleasant day. It found the oceanfront filled with sightseers, many of whom had brought their children to discover the play stations set up on the sand. There was something for almost everyone — arts and crafts booths, artists, surfing competitions, and the youth sand castle contest.

Bernie Kosar, the retired NFL quarterback for the Cleveland Browns who was to be the parade's grand marshall, was signing a constant flow of autographs in a booth at the beachfront Arby's.

Kosar has been coming down to Virginia Beach for the local Arby's restaurants, several of which he owns, for the last five years. This year marked his first to Virginia Beach since his retirement — and was enjoying the first free weekends in the fall since he was in the sixth grade.

"It's a good time to bring my family," he said. "A good excuse for a fun weekend to bring the family and have a nice little vacation."

His wife, Babbette, and three daughters were close by having fun.

Ken Gebbie and 6-year-old son, Nick

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Photo by Richard Yanke

THE SHOW MUST GO ON. Despite foul weather Sunday during the Neptune Festival's final weekend celebration, the sandcastle competition remained a favorite activity. Judges made their choices based on the theme "A Galaxy of Games."

Commentary

Safeguard your family

Every year across the country approximately 5,000 people are killed and 28,000 are injured by fires. If your house caught fire, would you survive? Try to answer these simple questions:

- Your smoke detector goes off and wakes you up. How much time do you have to get out of the house?
- After your smoke detector goes off, what do you do?
- You're at the door, so what do you do next?
- If the door is hot, what should you do?
- Once out of your house or apartment, what should you do?
- How often should you test your smoke detector?
- How often should you practice a fire exit drill?

Stumped? If you're like many Americans, the answers may elude you. National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, is the perfect time to learn the answers, get some valuable tips and safeguard your home and family. Activities are being planned throughout Hampton Roads to make adults and children more aware of fire hazards and how to prevent them.

Start your learning with a few rules of thumb from Sparky the Fire Dog:

In general

- Common sense dictates that all matches and lighters be kept out of children's reach.
- Check your cords and wires. Loose cords or broken wires are evidence of a very real fire danger.
- If appliances give off smoke or a burning odor, unplug immediately.
- If little ones are present, cover unused electrical outlets with plastic caps.
- Never leave children unattended around heat sources, including heaters, fireplaces and woodstoves.

Outdoors

- Label products clearly, especially if they are poisonous or flammable.
- Before adding gasoline to your lawnmower, turn off the engine and let it cool.
- Never throw gas or lighter fluid on an open flame.

In the kitchen

- Turn pot handles inward, or use back burners to prevent hot foods from spilling.
- When cooking, wear close-fitting sleeves or roll them up.
- In case of a grease fire, cover the pan with a lid and turn off the burner. Never throw water on the flames.

In the bathroom

- Never use appliances like hair dryers and electric razors near running water or a full sink.
- Avoid using space heaters in the bathroom.
- Set hot water heaters to 120 degrees or less.

Should a fire occur, be prepared. The next step is by having a fire escape plan. Know exactly what steps to take in case a fire breaks out. Discover two ways out of every room, in case smoke or flames block one exit.

Also establish a meeting place where everyone can convene once outdoors. Memorize the number of the fire department and have a neighbor's telephone in mind where you can make the call.

Finally, Sparky urges that families not waste valuable time trying to save belongings from a fire. Get the family out. Items can be replaced; people cannot. — V.E.H.

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Letter to the editor

Messages in a bottle hold fascinating stories for writer

Editor:

Calling all beachcombers!

The Virginia coast yields a wonderful bounty of treasures — from sand-sculpted driftwood to pastel-hued seashells and much more. Occasionally, ocean currents serve up one of the most fantastically alluring finds any beachcomber could hope to discover: a bottle with a message in it.

If you ever found a bottle with a message in it, I want to talk to you. I am researching discoveries of these bottles nationwide for a book I am writing. I particularly want to find people who still possess these bottles and the original notes.

If you can help, call or write to me. My phone number is 501-724-5190. My mailing address is 302 Stanley Road, Bald Knob, Ark. 72010. (I'm only temporarily landlocked. I've spend most of my life on the coast.) My e-mail address is stevens@sea.ar.ispnet.com.

I guess this letter to the editor is my own message in a bottle, isn't it? Thanks for picking it up and reading it.

Dan Parker
Bald Knob, Ark.

Vacation fatigue: a new meaning



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

I'll write them now, but no one will ever hear me repeat these words again: I missed housework.

True, it's a startling admission for a "houseworkaphobic," something I thought I'd never say. But my Seattle vacation last week made me miss the more mundane aspects of life.

Yep, even housework.

Having arrived at the Northwest city late Friday evening, Sept. 19, I looked forward to eight days of work-free, cleaning-free relaxation.

By Tuesday I was missing both.

It's not that Seattle isn't interesting. In fact, the first time we visited there two years ago I had a great time riding the ferries, touring the Space Needle, shopping at Pike Place Market and doing a multitude of other things.

The problem is we did everything the first time. So when Evan chose Seattle for our vacation destination again this year, well, I thought it would mean a week of sleeping late, revisiting a few sights and shopping.

It was OK for the first three or four days. Then I got bored. By Tuesday afternoon it became a chore to find things to do.

Imagine that.

"So, what do you want to do tomorrow?" Evan wondered Tuesday night as we settled into bed.

"Hmmm," I sighed. "Guess we could drive into the mountains — again."

So we did. This time we took the extra-long route to and from our favorite Cascades tourist attraction, the Bavarian town of Leavenworth. We strolled, shopped, strolled some more, had a huge dinner and pondered the next day.

Even my husband was beginning to get that déja vu feeling. I knew we were in trouble by Thursday when I hadn't even finished the second roll of film I'd brought. I'd already photographed the sights once, so why a second time.

Driving home from Leavenworth that evening I actually got an urge to do some housework. I told Evan. I thought he'd think I was nuts, but he fully understood.

"Yeah, I know what you mean," he admitted. "I can't wait to get back to work."

Our plane touched down Sunday night at 6 p.m. By 7 p.m. we were home. I petted the dog and cat, checked the mail, set aside a huge stack of unread newspapers for later reading and set to unpacking.

After that chore, I began looking about the house. The den needed dusting, I decided, so it got a quick once-over. Then the kitchen sink seemed a little grubby. Everything, from my discerning eye, looked lackluster.

I rolled up my sleeves and reveled in the feeling of Ajax meeting a dirty bathroom basin. Then I scrubbed the toilet and floor, vacuumed the bedroom and tidied the dining room. I even rearranged the clothes in my armoire.

By 10 p.m. I sank into bed to watch the remainder of "The Barbara Mandrell Story" on television. Jetlagged from the three-hour time difference, I finally fell asleep at 1:30 a.m. Unfortunately, the clock's alarm sounded at 6:30 — so much for those languid vacation mornings lounging in the bed.

I was tired this morning, but it was with a sense of accomplishment. I walked into work where stacks of paperwork and mail greeted me. I was actually happy to see it. It was good to be productive again.

I'm not saying that I don't enjoy vacations, because that's certainly not the case. I guess I just enjoy the right kind of vacation — a new place.

As for Seattle, Evan says we won't be going there again. Thank goodness. I was getting to know the downtown shopping area just a little too well, as my pocketbook can attest.

So now it's back to work. Back to reality. Back to the "real world," as my colleague B.J. Sessions would say.

You know, it's not so bad.

Keep the 'green' for the green

By Michael Lipford
Guest Columnist

In Washington, D.C., there's a fund that represents a golden opportunity for Virginia's green spaces and wildlife. Unfortunately, most Virginians don't know it's there.

This fall Congress could decide to appropriate nearly $900 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to protect America's beautiful and wild places. Or far less.

Here in Virginia, the fund has been crucial in protecting dozens of our state's natural treasures over the years. Like Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge and False Cape State Park. James River National Wildlife Refuge. The Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Mount Rogers National Recreation Area. The Great Dismal Swamp. The list goes on and on.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund, instituted by Congress 30 years ago, was set up to preserve "irreplaceable lands of natural beauty and unique recreational value," with its funding coming primarily from oil and gas royalties. The fund has made it possible to save seven million acres of land and has created 37,000 recreation projects across the country — in every state of the union.

Throughout the 1970s Congress spent $600 to $700 million annually on public land acquisition from the fund. But during the 1980s appropriations fell, and last year Congress appropriated only $150 million to the fund — for the entire country. Hardly enough to do the important work of protecting our most outstanding natural habitats and the wildlife that lives there.

When Congress reconvenes, it has the chance to give the fund a much needed infusion of cash as it determines the amount of money it will appropriate for conservation. Some in Congress want to bolster it to nearly $900 million in keeping with the fund's intended purpose.

More money means that we could finally protect the scenic and productive wetlands that will form Virginia's new Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge. More bald eagles roost along the forested bluffs of the lower Rappahannock than on any river in Virginia. Some 200 are found along the river each summer.

Even closer to home, the fund could help expand public lands at the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. In the last few years, about 3,00 privately-owned acres within the authorized refuge boundaries have been offered for sale to the refuge. But no public money has been available to purchase them.

Many conservation-minded landowners, whether they live on the Rappahannock River, in Virginia Beach around Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge or in Chesapeake around the Great Dismal Swamp, want to see their lands permanently protected.

Experiencing our wild lands and waters lifts the human spirit, improving our quality of life and that of generations to come. It is time more of the Land and Water Conservation Fund goes where it is supposed to go: into our natural and recreational treasures.

Michael Lipford is the director of the Virginia Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

Princess who?

Oh! How capricious the news media can be. For weeks, you couldn't read a newspaper or watch television without a story about Princess Diana.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

It seemed as if it would go on forever. But, alas, something even bigger than Diana happened and she was dropped to the back pages of the newspapers with very little television coverage.

The story that knocked her from the front page was the bizarre disclosure about a guy named Marv Albert, a well known sports announcer with a proclivity toward kinky sex. That kind of story will take front page every time. Albert was charged with forcible sodomy and assault and battery. After three days of trial about his weird sex life, he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of assault and battery.

Albert's high-priced lawyer, Roy Black, did not fare as well with the Albert case as he did in the William Kennedy Smith rape trial, where he trashed the character of the woman who brought the charges. Black tried the same thing in this case, but Albert had so much baggage to carry that none of Black's tricks worked.

The prosecution sandbagged him with a credible surprise witness. Black realized that the only way to keep his client out of a possible long jail sentence was to plead guilty. Black is trying to blame the judge, the laws of Virginia and just about everybody else except himself, but it was poor lawyering on his part that done him in.

Black had destroyed the woman who claimed Albert bit her and forced her to perform oral sex, but the second woman from Dallas told the court that Albert once had invited her to his room on the pretense of helping him fax documents. She seals his doom.

She said she felt something was amiss when he greeted her dressed in woman's panties with garter belt and stockings and appeared to be quite excited sexually. He bit her on the neck and suggested she perform oral sex, which she declined. She said that as he was trying to push her head down she grabbed for his hair and it came off in her hand. It was a toupe. She said he went for the toupe and she went for the door.

Now this would be the funniest part of a movie if one is made and those idiots in Hollywood will probably make one. The first woman who accused Albert of biting her 18 times said that he was mad because she was supposed to have brought another person for a threesome and had not done so. Albert told NBC that he was innocent and they went along with him until he copped a plea and then they dumped him.

The Albert story will be told over and over in the newspapers and on television until something more titillating comes along, but that might take a long time because this story had a lot of teeth in it.

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Pilots' history runs as deep as the waters

Have you ever wondered who pilots all those ships you see in the Chesapeake Bay into the various ports of Hampton Roads? Well I have, and when I started researching in order to write this article, it was extremely interesting.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

He has to be the best trained, the best skilled so as to protect the Commonwealth through safe piloting standards.

Thirty-five men belonging to the Virginia Pilot Association who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, bring visiting ships from all over the world into a safe harbor at one of our Hampton Roads ports, and back out again when it is time for them to return to the open waters of the Chesapeake Bay. These men, by state law are given two hours notice when they are needed.

An estimated 6,000 ships per year from all over the world are piloted by these Virginia Pilots. Naval, Army and Coast Guard ships are not required by State Statue to use the Virginia Pilots — although the United States Navy does frequently utilize the service of state pilots and the state code reads, "§54.1-916. Discretion of pilot piloting vessel. - Any pilot piloting a vessel shall have full discretion as to when the vessel shall be piloted to or from sea, or to or from any port or place within the Commonwealth or situated within any of the waters referred to in §54.1-910. The pilot's discretion shall be exercised in a reasonable way, with a view to the vessel's safety as well as with a view to the safety of the Commonwealth's waters and ports. (Code 1950, §54-558; 1988, c. 765.)"

These pilots, no matter the season and whatever the weather, use their special talents to pilot these ships at any time of the day or night. These 35 men are equal partners, owning the building that houses their offices and quarters and the launches that take them out to their respective pilotage. They divide the expenses and share in the profits. They have successfully managed this Virginia maritime commerce for 132 years.

When a pilot has been assigned a ship, once on board, after having climbed a swaying wooden or rope ladder, called the Jacob's ladder, in calm or stormy seas, they become independent contractors.

These Virginia Pilots can trace their history as far back as 1607 when Capt. Christopher Newport, not knowing the Virginia waters, took three weeks to get to his destination at Jamestown Colony after placing the wooden cross on land at Cape Henry in 1607.

On subsequent voyages, the local mariners began piloting them safely back and forth. During this time, anyone could claim to be a pilot and it wasn't until 1661 when the House of Burgess passed its first Navigation Act, that the Chief "Pylott's" office was established thereby outlining some duties of the independent pilots and was charged with piloting vessels and for setting out and maintaining beacons in all necessary places from "Willoughbies Shaole . . . to James Cittie." This office also trained apprentice pilots.

Prior to 1866 one of the state rules specified that the first pilot to lay his vessel alongside an approaching merchantman got the job — the pilot with the fastest boat usually got to bring the vessel into a safe harbor or out to open waters.

However, in 1866 when the Charter of the Virginia Pilot Association was formed, rules and regulations were soon established and the orderly sequence of pilot assignments began.

In 1866 the only headquarters was a large pilot dormitory situated off the Virginia Capes, but in 1983 permanent headquarters on land at Lynnhaven Inlet was built and became the home away from home for all the pilots in the Pilot Association.

With the location of this permanent headquarters next to the Chesapeake Bay, the high speed launches, capable of 23 knots and used to get the pilots to and from these ships, had fast and easy access to the many ships coming into Virginia waters. In fact, the 7-mile journey from Lynnhaven to their rendezvous point at the Chesapeake Bay junction can be made in 22 minutes. The erection of a 4-storied control tower with antennae more than 100 feet above sea level near the Cape Henry lighthouses completed the new shore based operation.

The Virginia Pilots are licensed by the state and federal governments. To become one of these special people you have to be a graduate of an accredited college, be accepted by majority vote of the Association and persevere in a rigid five-year educational and intensive training program.

The aspiring Virginia Pilots have to stay on premises at the association's headquarters 24 hours a day for the first two years, after which, for the next three years, they can live anywhere they please but they are on call at all times. Each year, 26 to 35 applications are sent to the Virginia Pilot Association — each hoping to be one of two chosen to be apprentices in this very select group of pilots.

From the time of apprenticeship, the Virginia Pilot must acquire and maintain considerable knowledge of the waters he will be navigating and keep up with and notice any changes in the channels, bars, shoals, reefs, tides, currents and prevailing winds at all times as well as knowing about the lights, buoys, wharves, docks, etc.

He has to be the best trained, the best skilled so as to protect the Commonwealth through safe piloting standards. These indispensable men work in partnership with the Virginia Port Authority, the Hampton Roads Maritime Association, the Coast Guard and the Army Corp of Engineers to keep the Virginia Waters safe for pleasure craft, commercial boats and sea going vessels. It is a partnership that works.

The famous New England navigator Nathaniel Bowditch wrote in 1802 that "... an error in the position on the high seas may be rectified by later observation, but an in position while piloting usually results in disaster." In the long record of the Virginia Pilot Association, no disaster has occurred while under the command of a Virginia Pilot.

The late maritime scholar, Marion V. Brewington said, "of all the maritime community — the masters, mates, supercargos and tradesmen - the most respected members have always been the pilots."

Our praise and thanks go to those Virginia Gentlemen Mariners known as the Virginia Pilots who are part of Virginia's history, in the past, during the present and in the future. They truly are the "Guardians of the Capes."

Crime Solvers seek larcenists

Virginia Beach police need your help in locating larceny suspects.

On the morning of Thursday, Sept. 11, and again on Thursday, Sept. 18, suspects broke into and vandalized several vehicles located on Christian Court and Denny Drive.



Crime Solvers

By Det. Jimmy Barnes, Virginia Beach Police Department

The vehicles were parked on the city streets. Entry into the vhicles were made by prying open the windows or trunks. Once inside the vehicles, stereo equipment was taken, as well as a 9mm Smith and Wesson handgun. Suspects also stole a 1994, red Jeep Wrangler from the neighborhood.

Crime Solvers will pay up to $1,000 for information on this crime and any other crime. Call 427-0000. As always, you will remain anonymous and you will not have to appear in court.

Up close and personal

Karen Glosser: Music to her ears

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

The Virginia Wesleyan Children's Chorus is singing its heart out these days under the leadership of a fresh face with an age-old love of music.

Karen Glosser, a Chesapeake resident in her ninth year teaching chorus at Great Bridge Middle School, adds the Virginia Beach-based children's chorus to an already full resumé.

The graduate of State University of New York at Fredonia and Old Dominion University has studied with Jean Ashworth-Battle, conductor of the Toronto Children's Chorus, and was guest conductor of Norfolk's All-City Chorus this spring. She was guest conductor for the District IV Women's Chorus and is music minister at Second Presbyterian Church in Norfolk.

Glosser developed a love of music at an early age.

"My mother teaches piano, and we were always very active in the church. So I was involved with music at a young age singing in children's choirs at church, playing the piano and things like that. I was also in the band in high school, which I think really made me want to go into music. I always wanted to teach, but did not know what to teach," she said.

Glosser taught music in Virginia Beach for two years before coming to Chesapeake Public Schools. Middle school is her speciality.

"This is a great transition age. Music is such a neat place for them to be because it gives them an opportunity to feel part of a group. Children this age need to feel like they belong, and music can fill that niche."

Glosser's part-time chorus schedule at Great Bridge Middle School allowed time to accept this latest challenge of conducting the Virginia Wesleyan Children's Chorus.

"I've had an interest in doing a children's choir — things you can do that you can't do in a public school, like funds to hire more outside musicians, more travel with the kids, a select group of students," she explained.

After conducting a trial rehearsal, Glosser eagerly accepted the position. It calls for leading three groups: Canticle Choir, ages 8-12; Cantabile Choir, ages 13-16; and, Young Women at Wesleyan, ages 12-22.

Teaching young singers, as opposed to adults, isn't as challenging as one would think.

"It's very much the same. You change the metaphors and your instruction a bit. After a certain length of time they've had enough and want to laugh and have fun — a lot of ways the same as adults."

Between family, three jobs, including separate rehearsals for each Virginia Wesleyan group, time management is important for Glosser's hectic schedule.

"The key for me is to be really well organized and plan ahead. I also have a supportive husband, which counts for a lot," she smiled.

No matter how busy the days may get, count on Glosser to always make time for her special love.

"Music has always been such an important part of my life, and I've learned many non-musical skills from it. There's working together as a team to have team goals — an important life skill. When I left high school, I thought that if I could bring that to others it would be a lofty goal. Music is the vehicle. I would want to teach even if I weren't a musician."



Name: Karen L. Glosser.

What brought you to this area: After college I was offered a job teaching in Syracuse, N.Y. and in Virginia Beach. While I considered the pros and cons of both of these positions, in the end it was the weather that brought me to Virginia.

Hometown: North Collins, N.Y.

Age: 33.

Occupation: I teach chorus at Great Bridge Middle School. In addition, I direct the Virginia Wesleyan Children's Chorus and am music minister at Second Presbyterian Church in Norfolk.

Marital Status: Married.

Children: Caitlin, 6, plays the piano, swims and attends Montessori school. Benjamin, 2, loves to play outside and to steal his sister's toys.

Favorite movies: Comedies and science fiction (nothing too gory).

Magazines I read regularly: Music journals.

Favorite authors: Steven Covey is a wonderful author whose works offer many insights into living a more focused and joyful life. I also enjoy novelist Robin Cook, who writes medical mysteries.

Favorite night on the town: Dinner and a movie with my husband.

Favorite restaurant: Outback Steakhouse.

Favorite meal and beverage: Homemade pizza and Diet Coke.

What most people don't know about me: I play the trombone.

Best thing about myself: I am dedicated and caring.

Worst habit: Allowing myself to feel stressed out over things that are out of my control.

Pets: A cat named Socks. My cat was named Socks before the Clinton's cat was named Socks!

Ideal vacation: A trip to Disney World with my family.

Hobbies: Swimming, water skiing, camping, and arts and crafts.

Pet peeves: People who lie.

First job: I worked in a supermarket where I trained cashiers and maintained weekly financial reports.

Worst job: Working the bottle refund counter in a supermarket.

Favorite sports team: Whoever my husband is rooting for.

Favorite musicians: Al Herver was my high school band director. His guidance, instruction and encouragement led me to choose music as a profession. Henry Leck is the director of the Indianapolis Children's Chorus and edits choral music. He has made choral music from around the world accessible to my students. His teaching technique has inspired and improved my own personal instruction. Stephen Kolb and musicianship are synonymous words and can be used interchangeably. He is the director of the Academy of Music in Norfolk and has accompanied me on numerous occasions. He teaches my daughter piano and is making a difference in the world of music. He has touched my life with his talent, friendship and humor.

Most embarrassing moment: During a concert my stiletto heel got stuck in a face plate on the stage.

I would like my epitaph to read: "She made a difference in the lives of others."

If I received $1 million: I would travel abroad with my family.

If I have 10 minutes on national television: I would promote the arts. Often people view music as an extracurricular activity. I believe music is an essential element of a child's education. Music nurtures responsibility, commitment, teamwork, self-expression and creativity. I would encourage parents to support school music programs and encourage administrators, legislatures and businesses to fund arts programs.

Clean streets garner kudos

The Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission's annual Environmental Breakfast and Meeting was held recently at Galilee Episcopal Church. There were 5,940 volunteers who gave a total of 24,521 hours to the city last year. Keynote speaker was Rear Adm. R. Timothy Ziemer, above, commander of Naval Base Norfolk, who explained that the Navy takes environmentalism seriously. Plastic waste processors, for example, have been installed on many ships.



Scouts try hand at 18th-century home skills

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flax was the beginning of the process. Next the flax had to be spun into yarn, and then the yarn had to be woven into cloth. Finally, of course, the cloth had to be cut and fashioned into clothing.

"If you wanted the cloth to be a color, you had to get material to dye it, and they used a lot of natural materials," Bueche added.

Although Bueche maintains that the main objective is to develop an appreciation for 18th skills of our ancestors, she also concedes that "sometimes it's fun to do some of these things."

"It's kind of fun to make a candle today where it wasn't fun to make them to last for three or four months at a time," Bueche laughed. "That was a lot like work!" she added.

Ruby Ann Pritchett was on hand to demonstrate how colonial Virginians dyed their fabric and yarn.

"Something that works really well for around this area is walnut," Pritchett said. "We have any number of walnut trees right on the property."

Using walnuts to dye cloth was a simple matter according to Pritchett.

The walnuts were gathered up, soaked overnight in a pot of water, and simmered for a couple of hours. After the walnuts were removed, the liquid remaining was used as a dye.

Onion, tea, grape leaves and even cow urine were also used as materials for creating dyes.

"Other popular dyes were the blue dye made from the indigo plant and the red dye derived from the cochineal beetle," Pritchett noted. "The dye from the cochineal beetle was the dye that the Englishmen used to dye their red coats."

Scoutmaster Wayne Richardson and the Indian Dance Team from Troop 493 were costumed participants in a Skills and Scout Day demonstration of selected ceremonial dances. The troop's dance team was a direct result of a dance project the scouts developed while working on the Indian lore merit badge.

Richardson's Indian dancers made a major impression on both youngsters and adults. Did the extremely favorable public reaction surprise Richardson?

"No, it doesn't," he said frankly. "They are usually well received. They work very hard at it, and this is above and beyond all the other Scout stuff they do."



DIP IT! Carly Smith of Junior Troop 459 tries her hand at candle making during Skills and Scout Day on the grounds of the historic Francis Land House.



Photos by Bob Ruegsegger

MESMERIZED. Youngsters Becky and Mary Davis are fascinated by the paper marbleizing process during demonstrations at the Lynnhaven House.

Scout Matthew Miller of Troop 493 enjoys being part of the dance team. "I like this because of the entertainment and the people, getting out to different places, and getting other people to join [the Boy Scouts]," Miller explained.

Jane Siedlecki taught youngsters how soap was made in colonial days. The process involved animal fat, fireplace ashes and lye. Rachel Weidrick, Christina Haines and Alyssa Parker from Girl Scout Troop 375 were very impressed with the soap making process.

The paper marbling demonstration conducted by Barbara Brubaker captivated the imaginations of young people too. After producing a marbleized creation, more than one youngster walked away saying "cool" under his or her breath.

Brubaker explained, "This is a craft that for many, many years — centuries — was kept secret. The recipe was actually passed down from one generation to another."

"Paper marbling was a craft that was practiced by someone who was in the business of binding books," Brubaker said.

"They would've used marbleized paper for the decorative cover and inside," she said. "Many times legal documents would've had a marbleized pattern on the back that couldn't be reproduced," Brubaker mentioned. "No two designs turned out the same," she concluded. "It's one of their favorites [activities]; I don't know why," said Brubaker. "Maybe that's because every time they do it, it comes out different," she postulated.



INTRIGUED BY INDIANS. Joe Whitaker, front, and Aaron Fried of Boy Scout Troop 493 perform a Native American dance during Skills and Scout Day at the historic Francis Land House.

Aside from the Indian dancers, the hands-on candle making operation seemed to draw some of the largest numbers. Throughout the afternoon, there were always youngsters — as well as adults — gathered around the cauldron of hot wax.

Ellen Barta attributed the youngsters' fascination with candle making to "being able to be close to an open fire." She also felt that young people enjoyed watching the candle "grow" before their eyes; they enjoy facilitating the physical change of a substance from liquid to solid.



'DYEING' TO DYE. Ruby Anne Pritchett dyes yarn using natural colors derived from indigo, onion and walnut.

Patricia Renn's spinning wheel (vintage 1850) attracted a good deal of attention too.

"The ribbon on the distaff which holds the flax in place in order have it spun into yarn--in a fair setting such as this--would indicate the marital status of the spinster," Renn explained.

"Red and pink ribbon would indicate an unmarried lady so the young men would go around the fair looking for all the pink and red ribbons." But the blue and green would indicate the married lady and we were bypassed rather much."

According to Renn, the term "spinster" as it was used in the 18th century did not have the derogatory connotation that it has today. In the 18th century a spinster enjoyed respectable status in her district because her productivity was highly beneficial to the community.

What was the best demonstration at the Lynnhaven House's Skills apd Scout Day?

It depended on how you looked at them and upon whom you asked. Carly Smith, with Junior Troop 459, preferred the candle making while Jessica Dick enjoyed the Indian dancers because of "what they did and how they dressed."



FUR FASCINATION. Cub Scouts J.T. Coomes and Shawn Davis can't resist handling a few animal pelts at the 18th Century Skills and Scout Day.

"I liked the furs because they reminded me of my pet ferret," said Allison Knopp also from Junior Troop 459.

There was no doubt about the impact that 18th Century Skills and Scout Day had on the youthful participants just as there was also little doubt regarding their enthusiasm for the variety of demonstrations and exhibits.

By any standard or measure, this Skills and Scout Day at the historic Lynnhaven was a resounding success.

Pastor shares 'Ultimate Health'

Dr. George Malkmus returns to speak at CBN Ministry Events' national health conference, God's Way to Ultimate Health, Nov. 9-12 at the Founder's Inn and Conference Center.

Malkmus is a former Baptist pastor who, at the age of 42, was diagnosed with colon cancer. After losing his mother who had undergone the traditional medical treatment with devastating results for the same disease, Malkmus sought an alternative treatment.

Now 20 years later, Malkmus travels throughout the country presenting his "How to Eliminate Sickness" seminar to churches and other groups. He has authored two books, "Why Christians Get Sick" and "God's Way To Ultimate Health."

At this conference, Malkmus will present his findings and share testimonies, including how he has more energy now in his 60s than he did as a teenager. For more information and registration, call 1-800-677-8117.

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Black rodeo pays tribute to cowboy

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"A lot migrated to Oklahoma," Moody said. "That state at one time had many wealthy black landowners."

This rodeo, which is showing for the second year in Virginia Beach, was named for a cowboy who was born in 1854 when his family was traveling west from South Carolina. "He was born on the trail," Moody said,"so he was born into slavery."

Pickett began his cowboy career early, and by the age of 10 had already developed the technique of "bulldogging, which meant that he sank his teeth into the lip of the animal, and that was one method he had of wrestling that animal," Moody said.

This event and other skills developed by African-American cowboys will be featured in this weekend's events.

Pickett was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1971, and he was pictured on a postage stamp for awhile. But as a genre the black cowboy was largely ignored until 1977 when Lu Vason, founder of the Bill Pickett rodeo, noticed a handful of African Americans participating in the Wyoming Cheyenne Frontier Day Festival.

He was surprised, curious and determined to make other Americans aware of the role black cowboys had in history. Bill Pickett Invitational Black Rodeo, which was first held in Denver, Colo. in 1984 was an attempt to educate the public.

Friday's events are targeted toward schoolchildren from across Hampton Roads, and Moody said that she particularly hopes to target this group because of the mystique cowboys hold for young people.

"To the black child and the grown black man, this (the mystique) has been a two-edged sword," she added, because cowboys have never been depicted as African-Americans in movies, books of television.

This weekend's rodeo is part of the '97 Festival of Pride sponsored by the African-American Cultural Council, which aims to bring multi-cultural entertainment and educational events to the area. The festival will continue with a free Youth Gospelfest Oct 11-12 and a blues and jazz concert Oct. 12. Both events will be held at the 24th Street stage at the oceanfront.

For more information call 460-3093.



WHOA DOGGY! Calf roping is one of the favorite activities at a rodeo, and the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo promises to have plenty. For the second year Virginia Beach will host this tribute to America's black cowboys.

Beach sponsors first Green Sea Fest

The first Green Sea Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Northwest River Park in Chesapeake. The goal of the free festival is to highlight and educate the public on the importance of conservation as it affects the Southern Watershed Area.

When William Byrd surveyed the area in 1728, he described it as a "green sea" due to the tremendous expanses of tall, green reeds. The festival will highlight the importance of preserving the "green sea" area and bring awareness to its beauty, culture and history through entertainment, displays and demonstrations.

The Southern Watershed Area is located in Southeastern Virginia and is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the Great Dismal Swamp on the west. The area is comprised of three primary watersheds — Back Bay, North Landing River and Northwest River.

The Back Bay watershed is in Virginia Beach, the Northwest River watershed is in Chesapeake and the North Landing River watershed is in both cities. This year's festival will take place in Chesapeake and will move to Virginia Beach in 1998.

More than 20 exhibitors will be on hand to creatively emphasize the importance of protecting and preserving this area, plus promote the vast number of recreational opportunities it provides for the community.

There will be two stages: a family entertainment stage and a children's stage. These stages will feature performances by bands, cloggers, square-dancing, plus puppet shows and storytelling. Food and beverages will be available from the Great Bridge Kiwanis Club.

Children and adults will be able to tour free of charge the 28-foot Chesapeake Bay Mobile Marine Lab from the Virginia Marine Science Museum, and take a ride on the Northwest River tram to enjoy a beautiful nature walk.

The Green Sea Festival is sponsored by the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, the Virginia Coastal Program of the Department of Environmental Quality, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Neptune Festival wraps up

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were discovering the oceanfront play stations.

"We are just happy to be here," he said. "We are having a blast out here today."

Nick was looking for tokens in a huge sandpile that could be redeemed for small prizes at a booth nearby. He had also put on gigantic boxing gloves at another station further down the beach.

Annette Lassiter, a Bell Atlantic Pioneer volunteer, was giving directions. This is her third year of helping out at the Neptune Festival.

"I have enjoyed it," she said, "meeting different people and just being helpful."

That morning she had already helped a woman who had found a sparrow on the beach. The woman had thought that the bird, which she kept cupped in her hand, was unable to fly. She was looking for the SPCA booth.

Michael Regan of Portsmouth brought his wife and children for the festivities. This time of year is his favorite at the oceanfront.

"I hate to come down to the beach when it's hot and crowded," he explained.

On Saturday the beach was merely crowded, but the family was still having a good time looking around at the displays and stations. His favorite part was the sand castles.

"It's fantastic, what they do with it," and he added, "and I like to eat the food."

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Peace Talks signing up participants

Since July 1 the Virginia Beach Police Department has facilitated the Peace Talks Program. The program, a community policing and 4-H initiative, is the result of the mandate of the Keep The Peace campaign to reduce violence in the city.

Funded through a C.A.R.E. grant, the Peace Talks program was presented to 20 youths from Fort Story and 20 youths from the Seatack area, ages 12-16 years old. The project has focused on providing an outreach training program to promote appropriate social skills by providing a forum that incorporates structured activities with adolescent participation through communication and team building skills.

The purpose of this project is to provide an outlet for teens to find ways to respect themselves and others and manage their anger by avoiding violent situations.

Any community interested in hosting this 10-week program is asked to call Officer Dolly Deans of the Virginia Beach Police Department at 563-1006.

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Research scholarship winner

The American Foundation of Pharmaceutical Education has selected four University of Florida students to receive scholarships during the 1997-98 academic yearly. The AFPE Gateway Research Scholarships support faculty-supervised research and are intended to attract talented pharmacy students to graduate study in the pharmaceutical sciences. Stipends of $4,250, including $500 to attend the annual meeting of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, were awarded to Mina Salafranca of Virginia Beach, right, Stephanie Stancil of Ocala, Fla., left, Anna Karina Wilcox of St. Petersburg, Fla, center, and John Stamm of Deltona, Fla.

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Heart-healthy Thalia Thumpers kick up heels

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld
Correspondent

They call themselves the Thalia Thumpers Square Dance Club, and for 23 years they've been stomping their way through heart-healthy gatherings.

Even though it's good for them, the dancers — aged 8 to 80 — say they do it for one reason: "It's fun."

"We love it. It's good exercise, and you meet nice people," explained Barbara Gerhart.

Joan Dodd and some of the other Thalia Thumpers wear hanging from their club pin — a red heart with a zipper on it — signifying they have had heart surgery and dance to maintain their heart health.

"I dance to keep my ticker going," said Dodd.

"For people with cardiac surgery it's recommended to get your heart rate up over 100 beats a minute. Come out and dance with us and we'll get your heart beat up over 100 a couple times, and you meet a lot of really nice people," added caller Bob Worley.

It isn't only fun and exercise that brings the thumpers out.

"Another reason I come out dancing is I get to hug all the girls," said Chuck Fischer. He talked like a rascal, but he didn't act like one.

He and all the members made everyone welcome and partnered with others so all who wished to could dance, both members and students.

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Bob Worley, caller

Members have "Greenie Nights," where they give demonstrations to interest new dancers.

Another purpose of the Thalia Thumpers Club simply is to teach others to dance. Monday night is class for beginners and workshop for the experienced dancers. They join in the squares together and receive some instruction from Worley. The rest comes from the friendly guidance of the members who lead and encourage newcomers through the dance.

Along with square dancing, "We teach line dancing, round dancing, we do it all." said Dodd.

Thalia Thumpers also dance for good causes. The toy soldier hanging from their club pins signifies they held dances to collect toys for children.

"They also dance in nursing homes," said a guest who works in one. The Thumpers bring finger food to the Monday night meeting and set up an attractive snack table for the enjoyment of all. Between squares everybody gathers around for dips and crackers, nuts and brownies and all kinds of nice homemade treats.

They talk and laugh, but never stay too long. They'd rather dance than eat.

The Monday night dancing takes place at Parkway Elementary School within a few blocks of the intersection of Lynnhaven Parkway and Princess Anne Road in a quiet neighborhood with plenty of parking right nearby. The school cafeteria is large and well lit.

On dancing night it is filled with the Thumpers in their square dance costumes, the ladies in flounce skirts with plenty of petticoats, the men neat in their western shirts and slacks, some with vests. They make, have made or buy ready-made outfits from local western-wear shops like Two Stepping Annie's on Independence Boulevard and Shell Road. The outfits identify the experienced dancers and give the dance a really festive atmosphere.

Thalia Thumpers have come from everywhere including England, France, Denmark and Germany and have a broad age span.

Ingrid Fischer said, "We got one guy who puts everybody to shame the way he dances. He's 78."

Square dancing seems to act for some like a fountain of youth.

Worley tells a story that illustrates that. He substituted as caller for a sick friend. When he arrived he was startled by the great age of the dancers, and adjusted the pace of his calling accordingly.

After a few squares, a committee approached Worley in an agitated state. One little old fellow said to Worley, "Hey Sonnie, you ain't half bad, but you gotta speed it up. That's real draggy".

Thalia Thumpers Square Dance Club meets Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Parkway Elementary School on O'Hare Street and on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at Kempsville Middle School.

For more information, call Worley, 467-2557.



KICKING UP MORE THAN THEIR HEELS. Skirt swishing and busy feet are synonymous with the Thalia Thumpers dance group, which meets regularly for heart-healthy exercise that's just plain fun.



STEP TO IT. Thalia Thumpers work up a heart-healthy routine during their various quad drills, circle dances, cake walks and reels.



Photos by Mary Ellen Rosenfeld

STRUTTING THEIR STUFF. The Thalia Thumpers go all out with Western wear and all the trimmings for regular dance sessions. Beginners are always welcome.

HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Author Tom Peters to speak at Chrysler Hall

Best-selling business author Tom Peters will give a talk Tuesday as part of a day-long "Lessons in Leadership" distinguished speakers program.

Sponsored by Old Dominion University's Darden College of Education and College of Business and Public Administration, the program will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk.



Peters

Peter's talk, "How to Survive and Thrive in Uncertain Times," is based on his latest book, "The Pursuit of WOW!: Every Person's Guide to Topsy-Turvy Times." His program and book offer practical advice on how to succeed in today's constantly changing business world.

Peters will explore topics such as how to get things with quality and speed; how to tap into the abundant "expert power" in today's chaotic workplace; how to generate enthusiasm, pride and celebration at all levels; and how to focus on the "big picture" and never be stopped by temporary setbacks.

Peters has written five books since 1982, and has been on The New York Times best-sellers list for years. His other books are: "In Search of Excellence" (1982), "Passion for Excellence" (1985), "Thriving on Chaos" (1987), and "Liberation Management" (1992).

For more information or to register, call 1-800-873-3451. The program, which includes lunch, handouts and a copy of his latest book, "The Pursuit of WOW!," is $399 per person. Discounts are available for group registration.

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Albee's classic 'American Dream' plays Wesleyan

"The American Dream" by Edward Albee continues at Virginia Wesleyan College in The Studio (FA6).

Featuring a student cast, this production is directed by local award-winning actor and director Shirley Hurd and sponsored by the VWC Theater Department. Performances continue at 8 p.m., Oct. 3-4 and Oct. 8-11. There will be one matinee performance at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5. Tickets are $8 for general admission; $6 for senior citizens and students. Seating is limited.

"The American Dream" is a brilliant and sometimes hilarious comedy. It is the playwright's view of an America in which normal human feelings and relationships have been deprived of meaning. The play examines family life and its substitution of artificiality for real values in our society.

Set in Mommy and Daddy's apartment during the late 1950s, family members go about their conventional lives with Grandma. Soon Mrs. Barker arrives, followed by a Young Man. The play is full of wild humor that is often sardonic and satirical. Yet, at times it is strangely sad and touching.

Edward Albee is a contemporary American playwright. He has written more than 20 plays, including "Zoo Story," "A Delicate Balance" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf."

His latest play, "Three Tall Women," ran on Broadway recently and will be produced in London's West End next year. Albee, well-known for his powerful avant-garde works, has received two Pulitzer prizes and is considered one of America's most brilliant playwrights.

Call 455-5700 for reservations.



THE AMERICAN DREAM. Laura Gergan and James Maily star in the Virginia Wesleyan College production of an Edward Albee favorite through Oct. 11. Call 455-5700 for ticket information.

Neighborhood Institute kicks off

A neighborhood institute conducted by the Virginia Beach/Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Norfolk State University/School of Social Sciences begins this month.

It will play a key role in helping individuals understand and participate in the dynamic process of making Virginia Beach a better place to live.

The purpose of leadership training is to provide current and prospective community leaders with the tools and knowledge that will help them effectively develop and lead neighborhood-based civic organizations. The course is designed to provide structured discussions of how neighborhood residents can maintain or improve the quality of their communities through informal dialogue and active participation.

Course objectives are:

- To expand the pool of skilled neighborhood leaders.
- To broaden the participant's understanding of municipal government and the community.
- To encourage participants to develop partnerships for neighborhood improvement.
- To encourage the building of a shared community vision.
- To enhance the ability of the neighborhood residents to resolve problems on their own or in cooperation with other neighborhoods and/or institutions.

Classes will begin on Oct. 14 and conclude on Dec. 16 for a duration of 10 weeks. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. for a total of 25 classroom hours. Additional hours will include neighborhood tours and field trips which will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. with lunch provided.

The orientation will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf will welcome participants.

Participants will be charged a registration fee of $10. Fees are due at orientation. The class size is limited to 25 particpants.

All classes will be held at the Old Dominion University/Norfolk State University Higher Ed Center at 397 Little Neck Road, 3300 South Building in Virginia Beach. Location of field activities will be announced. Call 426-5760 for more information.

'Lend Me Tenor' is worth singing about

By Eric Stevens
Arts Correspondent

This is a busy season. Football, Parties. Festivals. Save yourself some time to see "Lend Me A Tenor" at the Little Theater of Virginia Beach Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Despite the title, it is not a musical — but it is definitely a comedy. I'd love to meet the writer, Ken Ludwig, who concocted the wild plot and delightful dialogue. First produced by Andrew Lloyd Weber, the play has won a host of awards and is now done in eight languages. It is appearing in Poquoson concurrently.

I continue to marvel at how casting directors, limited to local files, can match types with talents. As each of the eight thespians appeared, I thought, "This one might just steal the show."

The male and female leads were excellent, Aaron McGlothlin as Max (and as a double for the tenor) and Lesa Azimi as Maggie. Supporting roles were handled splendidly by Jim Mitchell, Karen Buchheim and Carman Vogt.

As often happens, the character roles, by definition, were the juiciest. The businessman is often a pompous heel, and Richard Lee Hamilton used his rubber-like, Bill McCutcheon-ish face with marvelous impact. Tall, husky Jim Anderson became Italian as the tenor, Tito Merelli (Il Stupendo"), even playing a corpse briefly.

But where would they find a busty, real Italian to play his wife? In the person of Lucia Forte, who should be doing commercials for spaghetti sauce! Lucia's parents are from Italy, and she has studied extensively there.

The first act was quite funny, but the second act was a side-splitter, at times calling to mind the "Who's On First?" routine. Even the curtain calls were hilarious.

LTVB is a cozy venue, now in its 50th year. Congratulations to director Kay Burcher and to versatile Franklin Chenmen who debuted as assistant director.

Don't miss this one.

Eric Stevens is a local singer, pianist and bandleader.



CHECK IT OUT. Richard Hamilton and Aaron McGlothlin perform in "Lend Me a Tenor" at the Little Theater of Virginia Beach.

Trashmore hosts drug-free celebration day soon

The Committee for Reaching Out Against Drugs (ROADS) has announced its efforts on behalf of Virginia's Annual Drug Free Day, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at Mount Trashmore.

Virginia's Annual Drug Free Day got its beginning in December 1992 when Del. Bob McDonnell was approached by a concerned citizen, who stated to him that she would like to see an "All American Drug Out Day like we have the All American Smoke-Out Day."

McDonnell thought it was a great idea and got on it immediately. A House Joint Resolution was offered on January 26, 1993 by Patrons/Delegates McDonnell, Croshaw, Robinson and Senator Schewel, declaring that Sept. 27, 1993 be declared Virginia's First Annual Drug-Out Day.

Localities were requested to recognize and support education about the dangers of drug abuses, the penalties to drug crimes, the availability of substance abuse programs and the need to eradicate drug abuse in Virginia communities.

American's drug problem is having a great negative impact on families, schools, law enforcement, court systems and correctional facilities in the form of increased violence.

Virginia's Annual Drug Out Day was later changed to "Virginia's Annual Drug Free Day" and is now held on the last Saturday in October. There is no "All American Drug Out Day" nationally, but Virginia does have its Drug Free Day.

The purpose of this event is more than just not to use drugs that day, but it is to encourage any users to make the decision to get help to break the habit and to educate others not to start. The Oct. 25 event at Mount Trashmore in Virginia Beach will offer entertainment, displays and information for all age groups.

It will feature Teen Challenge Choir of Newport News, Karaoke, Mounted Patrol Musician Dance, Canine Performance, Frat Steppers, Star Spangled Singers, Friendship Show Steppers and more groups are being added daily.

Displays will include the Monster Fire Truck, Youth Crisis Network, Military Displays, Virginia Against Hand Gun Violence and Making A Difference Foundation.

Beach 'soccers' it to them

Nearly 20,000 athletes, family members and referees will travel to Virginia Beach Oct. 11-12 for the 14th Annual Virginia Beach Columbus Day Soccer Tournament, the largest boys' soccer tournament on the East Coast.

Featuring two days of continuous play among 350 teams and 587 games, the event lures top soccer athletes in the under-10 through under-19 age divisions from Florida to Canada. The tournament is sponsored by Beach FC (Virginia Beach Travel Soccer Club) and sanctioned by the U.S. Youth Soccer Association and Virginia Youth Soccer Association.

Matches will be played on 48 soccer fields with tournament headquarters at the new 19-field Virginia Beach Soccer Complex at Princess Anne and Dam Neck roads. Additional play will be held on nearby soccer fields at Princess Anne Park; Red Wing Park, Brill Field, Lake Taylor High School; and Tidewater Community College, Chesapeake.

Individual player trophies and silver trays will be awarded to champion and finalist teams in each of 33 divisions. Games begin daily at 8 a.m. with the last game starting at 5:15 p.m. The tournament is free to spectators, who can call the Hampton Roads Soccer Council for information at 456-0578.

According to the Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development, which attracts sports tournaments and events to the city, the Columbus Day Soccer Tournament generates $2 million in direct visitor revenue and "sells out" Virginia Beach hotel rooms each fall.

"Virginia Beach is becoming a nationally recognized sports center," said James B. Ricketts, director of the Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development.

"Events such as the Columbus Day Soccer Tournament are the cornerstone of a market area we intend to court aggressively and in cooperation with BEACH FC. The new Virginia Beach Sports Complex, with its new soccer stadium and playing fields, provides the ultimate outdoor sports venue."

Legal Notices

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert L. Nelson & Barbara N. Gray for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the north side of West Landing Road at its western extremity. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agriculture use in accordinance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 6.6 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Robert L. Nelson & Barbara N. Gray for a Conditional Use Permit for a boat storage facility and commercial marina on certain property located on the north side of West Landing Road at its western extremity. Said parcel contains 6.6 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Craig A. Rosenberg for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile repair and sales on the west side of S. Lynnhaven Road north of Ole Towne Lane. Said parcel is located at 851 S. Lynnhaven Road and contains 14,984.64 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

4. An Ordinance upon Application of East Coast Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the west side of Indian River Road, north of the intersection with Indian Lakes Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 5149 Indian River Road and contains 3.4 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Hall Tidewater Ltd. Partnership for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and service on the northside of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 160 feet west of Cranston Lane. Said parcel is located at 3216 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 32,400 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Ralph Knapp for a contractor's storage yard on the east side of Central Drive on Lot 27C, London Bridge Industrial Park II, Phase One. Said parcel contains 1.7 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:

7. Application of Asher Properties, a Virginia General Partnership, for a modification to a conditional use permit for an automobile repair establishment (grease monkey quick lube), granted December 12, 1988. Property is located at 2841 Virginia Beach Boulevard. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE:

8. Application of LADM Associates, L.L.C., a Virginia Limited Liability Company, Lena Sancilio and Contractor's Paving Company, Inc., for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Avenue E beginning at a point 337.93 feet south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction a distance of 899.85 feet to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. Said parcel contains 30,094 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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Public Notice

Virginia:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff v.

$2,350.00 US Currency (Brown), CL94-3993

$1,327.00 US Currency (White) CL94-4052

$986.00 US Currency (Myles) CL95-926

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$11,500.00 US Currency (Zellner) CL97-309

$58,460.00 US Currency (Lewis) CL97-1490, Defendants

Order of Publication And Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME the Attorney for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above reference items that were seized between November 23, 1994, and April 23, 1997.

AN Information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the Information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of the owners is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before October 29, 1997, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19.2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

ENTER this 8 day of September, 1997.

Edward W. Hanson, Judge

Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.

By Barbara Munden, Deputy Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS:
Deborah M. Paxson
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney
2305 Judicial Boulevard
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9050

1, Deborah M. Paxson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Deborah M. Paxson, Affiant

COMMONWEALTH
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to-wit:

1, Jaye Lee A. Cullen, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that foregoing Affidavit of Deborah M. Paxson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribes to before me this 5th day of September, 1997.

Jay Lee A. Cullen, Notary Public

My Commission Expires 6/30/00

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Auction: 1987 MERCURY TOPAZ/WHITE
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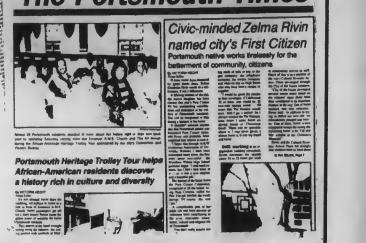
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The club recently held its 14th annual bridge marathon. Proceeds for the event will be used for beautification of the community. Awards to club members were presented and winners were Grace Easson, June O'Connor and Kitty Zimmerman.

The 1997-98 bridge marathon will begin in October.

The Rev. Robert Hunt Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Holiday Inn-Portside in Portsmouth. Col. John A. Hallahan will speak on "Revolution Before The British Invasion." For more information, call 484-3358.

The Parrot Head Club of Tidewater will hold a benefit party and auction for the Alzheimer's Association, Hampton Roads Chapter on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at Harbor Park. For more information, call Andy Harrell, 482-4937.

The Hampton Roads Rechargers (people who have defibrillators/pace makers) will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Virginia Beach General Hospital Health Education Center on Will-O-Wisp Road off First Colonial Road in Virginia Beach. The evening will be centered around "Food Around The World"; so participants are asked to bring their favorite ethnic food.

The Retired Officers Wives Society of Tidewater will hold its October luncheon at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on Thursday, Oct. 9. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. The cost is $15, and the program will be a fashion show by "Fancy Stuff."

For reservations, call 464-4160 or 495-7516. Deadline for paid reservations or cancellations is Monday, Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.

"Country Craft Corner" will present a brunch by the Christian Women's Club of Virginia Beach West on Monday, Oct. 20 at Grand Affairs, 2036 East Pleasure House Road.

Doors will open at 9:45 a.m. for bidding on Bushels of Goodies, silent auction for crafts, baked goods and white elephant sale. Faye Howell and Co. will present toe-tapping country blue ribbon tunes.

The speaker will be Denise Metzner, a young widow and mother. The cost is $8.95 inclusive. Complimentary nursery for infant to age 5. Brunch and nursery reservations necessary. Call Lori 721-4156 or Alice 495-0367 by Oct. 16.

Lt. Governor Donald S. Beyer will be the guest speaker for the October Central Business District Association's October luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 17 at the Holiday Inn-Executive Center, 5655 Greenwich Rd. The cost is $15.50 for members and $20.50 for non-members. Reservations are required and will be accepted through Monday, Oct. 13. For further information, call 490-7812.

The Women's Fellowship of the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 West Great Neck Rd., will hold a pansy sale on Oct. 18 from 9 a.m.-noon. Members will be selling pansies, crafts, homemade baked items and will be offering a Brunswick stew lunch. Plants are contracted through Environmental Expressions.

If interested, place a pre-order at the church office. For more information, call Penny Henderson, 481-7509.

Beach schools named largest fully-accredited system in state

The Virginia Beach City School System was recently chosen for recognition by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for being the largest fully-accredited school system in the state of Virginia.

Superintendent Timothy Jenney will accept an award from the association at its annual meeting on Dec. 8 in New Orleans.

"The superintendent, the school board and the staff of the school system are commended for continuing the pursuit of the quality education process through accreditation," said SACS Chief Administrative Officer Dr. Stephen M. Baker.

"Despite the size of the school system, the schools in the system continue to meet the quantitative and performance standards of the various commissions of the Southern Association. It is truly a model school system that is worthy of being honored because of its emphasis on quality and excellence."

Accreditation is a non-governmental and voluntary process concerned with improving education quality and assuring the public that member institutions meet established standards. Virginia Beach City Schools are accredited by either the Association's Commission on Elementary and Middle Schools or its Commission on Secondary and Middle Schools.

"In our city, citizens have an expectation that will seek and assure high academic standards. Being recognized as the state's largest fully accredited school system reflects the fruits of that philosophy. All of us are proud of this recognition but the real credit for this belongs to our staff, parents and this fine community," said Jenney.

The Southern Association is one of six regional accrediting organizations in the United States. Its membership consists of more than 11,000 accredited public and private institutions, universities and colleges, high schools, junior high schools, middle schools, elementary schools and early childhood centers and kindergartens.

The Southern Association, founded in 1895 and headquartered in Decatur, Ga., works with schools and colleges in 11 Southern states from Virginia through Texas, in Mexico, the Caribbean and in Central and South America.

After school program grows

The Virginia Marine Science Museum is expanding its popular After School Scientist program series this fall:

■ Autumn Trails: Signs of Wildlife - Tuesday, Oct. 14, grades K-2, 4:30 -6 p.m. or Thursday, Oct. 16, grades 3-6, 4:30-6 p.m. Participants will explore the woodland trail through a scavenger hunt. Children should dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.

■ Skeletons - Tuesday, Oct. 21, grades K-2, 4:30-6 p.m. or Thursday, Oct. 23, grades 3-6, 4:30-6 p.m. Compare and contrast bones in mammals, fish, birds and reptiles.

■ Native Americans of the Chesapeake Bay - Thursday, Nov. 6, grades K-2, 4:30-6 p.m. or Thursday, Nov. 20, grades 3-6, 4:30-6 p.m. Learn about the lifestyles and habits of the area's first human inhabitants.

Registration is required and can be made by calling 437-6007. The cost of each class is $4 for museum members and $6 for non-members. All classes are located in the main museum building.

Forum explores mind of the capital murderer

Dr. Scott W. Sautter, a clinical neuropsychologist with Hampton Roads Neuropsychology, will present a forum for professionals from the legal, mental health and human services fields based on his experience as an expert witness in capital murder cases involving issues of the insanity defense from a neurological perspective; the impact of brain trauma/insult on violent behavior.

He will discuss the background and historical context of advances in medical science applied to the understanding of violent behavior resulting in murder, and will describe a number of actual cases for illustration.

Additionally, participants will gain an appreciation of how the clinical neurosciences can help clarify brain-behavior issues as they pertain to probable causality, provide guidance to sentencing, answer questions of future dangerousness and direct appropriate treatment.

This forum will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9 from 9-10:30 a.m. at Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center located on 1100 First Colonial Rd., adjacent to Virginia Beach General Hospital. Space is limited and preregistration is required. To register, please call our reservation line at 496-4505.

— *Home Improvement* —

Doors open options for a brand-new look

If your house was built more than eight but less than 50 years ago, chances are it could use a door tune-up.

The hollow, plain flush doors favored by builders during this era as an inexpensive alternative to solid wood are no longer in vogue with homebuyers, says Dave Murray, a spokesperson for Premdor, a major North American door manufacturer.

Now, buyers are seeking trendy new styles and improved construction.

A typical door upgrade usually involves no more than a few doors and generally accompanies a major renovation in a kitchen, bathroom or bedroom.

But that wasn't the case with Irving and Stella Milgrom who began a recent renovation by throwing out all 20 doors in their 25-year-old suburban home.

A dark, uninviting entrance area was transformed by replacing windowless front doors with a contemporary design featuring frosted panes to admit light while preserving privacy. French doors now separate the entrance area and living room, maintaining a feeling of light and space while cutting down on drafts.

If setting a new door in an old frame, first see how the old door fits. If it's a good fit, use its hinges and lock sets.

The look — sensational. The cost — minimal.

Most of the Milgroms' new doors are the raised panel type, ranging from about $40 for a hollow core door to $65 for new solid core Premdor Safe 'N Sound doors which feature more protection against household noise and extra fire resistance.

Do-it-yourselfers fare even better on the price of this project. For example, amateur handyman Allan Charnish replaced 17 doors in his 14-year-old home for about $3,800, including hardware and paint.

If you're planning a door upgrade, here are some tips.

■ If setting a new door in an old frame, first see how the old door fits. If it's a good fit, use it as a "pattern" to cut the new door to size and correctly position hinges and lock sets.

■ Recess hinges so they're flush with the door surface for a professional look. Paint after drilling and routing and before attaching hardware.



A SENSATIONAL LOOK. A dark entrance is transformed when solid doors are replaced by doors with windows.

Protect plants from the cold

Soon most Americans will begin to experience the first icy reminders of oncoming winter.

Here are some tips for keeping your plants healthy:

■ Severe climates. To ensure plants will survive the winter, particularly tender evergreens and perennials, mulching is very important. A 3- to 4-inch layer of leaves or a similar organic material helps soil retain moisture and prevents or decreases soil freezing. Windbreaks provide additional cold protection, as does covering or wrapping plants with burlap, frost blankets or a similar material. A covering of evergreen boughs provides excellent protection for perennials, in addition to mulch.

■ Mild-climate southern zones. Freezes aren't common in these zones, but frost is. Covering ornamental and vegetable plants with frost blankets — sheets of plastic that trap warm air under and around plants — is usually the best choice for cold protection.

Tropical plants, which are damaged at temperatures above freezing, are also best protected by covering. Banking — mounding mulch or soil around a plant's base — or trunk wraps can be used to insulate plants. Extreme cold may injure or kill exposed growth, but protected trunk and branches survive.

■ Mild climates. Gardeners in these climes often use sprinkler irrigation to protect plants from cold. Water freezes, releases heat and insulates plants at about 33 degrees. But once ice forms on the plant, irrigation must continue.

Health Notes

The Diabetes Treatment Cancer at Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a support group meeting Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 3-4 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Center. For more information, call 481-8836.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Center. This free service for cancer patients and their families offers both educational and emotional support. For more information, call 496-6330.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Center. For more information, call 481-8393.

Virginia Beach General Hospital, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, will hold a prostate cancer support group meeting, Man to Man, on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Center. Men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their family members are invited to attend. Call 481-8686 for more information.

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15th Festival includes new events

By Tom Noffsinger
Editor

FRANKLIN — After several months of planning, Paul Kaplan is ready for the Franklin Fall Festival.

For the third year, Kaplan is the chairman of the annual extravaganza, spending his off hours from the Franklin police Department organizing the festival.

Now in its 15th year, Kaplan says this year's festival will be bigger than ever.

And with the festival just a few days away, he and hundreds of volunteers are busily putting the finishing touches on the many components.

"The festival was started to highlight Franklin," explains Kaplan. "It really shows off the small town atmosphere and lifestyle.

"It brings in people from all over the region to the city and adds a boost to the local economy."

An estimated 8,000 people will be present when the festival opens Friday, Oct. 3 with a block party at Paul D. Camp Community College. At least twice that many will flood city streets for Saturday's booths, exhibits, entertainment and contests.

"We've added some new events this year," said Kaplan.

"We will have a volleyball tournament and a Fall Festival Arts in the Park exhibit with the Blackwater Artist League.

"On Saturday night we've teamed up with Southampton Motor Speedway for the Franklin Fall Festival 250."

In addition to new events, Kaplan said there have been other changes as well.

"We have moved the car show and the horseshoe tournament to the bulkhead at Barrett's Landing. We've just run out of space for the car show each year.

"It is the Mustang Club of Tidewater's largest show of the year."

Kaplan said the horseshoe tournament's return to the bulkhead will allow better visibility of the contest.

This will also be the second year at Paul D. Camp Community College for Friday night's block party. "We moved there last year and it worked really well," said Kaplan. "We had our largest crowd ever last year.

"The block party and street dance really kick everything off. This year The Platters will be the headliners, with Fat Ammons as the opening act.

"We try to stay with music that appeals to a lot of people."

New at the block party this year will be a VIP tent for primary sponsors of the festival. The huge tent will be for the exclusive use of sponsors, said Kaplan.

Also featured at the party will be designated driver booths, with soft drinks and hot beverages.

Friday night's festivities include a fireworks display by world-famous Zambelli Internationale.

On Saturday the festival continues with more than 130 booths lining Main Street and Second Avenue. Booths open at 10 a.m. and feature a variety of crafts, educational displays, retail sales and food.

"We've got more crafts this year than we've ever had," said Kaplan.

"We also have two stages, one for children and one for dance. There will be everything from cloggers to karate demonstrations, magicians and just fun, fun stuff."

For those who tire of shopping, there is the car show, horseshoe tournament, moon walk and two eclectic activities — a bungee run and Velcro wall.

"At the north end of Main Street we will have the Western Tidewater Emergency Response Expo," added Kaplan. "There will be approximately 40 different emergency response vehicles with anything that can be connected with fire, rescue, emergency services and law enforcement."

Saturday's downtown activities wind down about 5 p.m., when the time trials start at Southampton Motor Speedway in Capron.

Sunday afternoon the last event of the festival takes place — two hours of gospel singing from a stage at Barrett's Landing.

"The gospel sing starts at 3 p.m. and last year the crowd was the largest ever," said Kaplan. "We will have numerous groups of gospel singers from throughout the region.

"That concert completes the festival."

Kaplan said the final days before the festival find countless volunteers gearing up for the weekend of work. "We couldn't put it together without the hundreds of volunteers and many sponsors."



Kaplan

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The Platters formed in 1953 in Los Angeles and signed to Federal Records. Songwriter Buck Ram heard their music and soon after had them audition for him.

In 1955 the group changed labels and recorded the ballad "Only You" on Mercury Records. This recording was the beginning of stardom for the group that was to become the most popular vocal group of the '50s.

Rerecording songs done by the likes of Jerome Kern and Rudy Vallee, as well as some original material, between 1955 and 1960 The Platters had four number one songs and 16 gold records, most of which can still be heard on any easy listening or oldies station throughout the country today.

Record sales to date are in excess of 80 million copies and most of their recordings were transferred to CD.

The Platters have now toured in some 75 countries across the world and still spend much time abroad. Playing venues from Madison Square Garden to the Bottom Line, the group is still delighting audiences on a regular basis.

THE PLATTERS

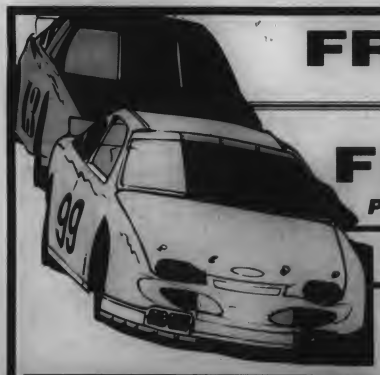
When: Friday, Oct. 3.
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Paul. D. Camp Community College.

On four different occasions they have played for the Governor's Convention and most recently played for a private gathering of heads-of-state in Washington, D.C.

Among their more than 20 movie appearances are "Rock Around the Clock Tonight" and "The Girl Can't Help It." In 1990 The Platters were inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

To fully appreciate the success of The Platters, remember these popular songs: "Only You," "The Magic Touch," "Heaven on Earth," "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," and "The Great Pretender."

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Car show shines during festival

By Woodie Walker
Staff Writer

In 1957, Romie E. Green began delivering milk from Hunterdale Farms in a brand-new Chevrolet truck.

Next Saturday, the completely restored truck will be featured in the 1997 Franklin Fall Festival Car Show.

Chesapeake resident Ellsworth Spicher and a friend bought the truck in 1991 from a Suffolk junkyard. Six years and countless hours of sanding, painting and polishing later, the truck looks like new.

Actually, it looks better than new. In 1957 the truck was painted all white, including the front bumper and trim.

Today, Spicher's restored version is turquoise and white. The two-tone paint job is accented with chrome trim and custom wheels.

He uses it to tow a matching 1957 Chevy Suburban. The pair make an impressive display. .

"I've entered them in many area car shows," said Spicher. "Right now I'm in the process of collecting dairy memorabilia to use as a display.

"I'm especially interested in anything from Hunterdale Farms. If anyone from Franklin knows of something like that, I hope they'll come talk to me at the car show."

Spicher brought the vehicle to Franklin a couple of weeks ago to have a look around. He picked up Green, who still lives in the area, and the two took a spin around town.

"It brings back a lot of memories," said Green, now 80.

His son, James Green, is a contractor in Courtland. The truck brought back some memories for him, as well.

"My brother and I got up every morning at 2:30 a.m. and helped Daddy deliver milk," said James. "I worked with him from the time I was 8 to 18. I think a lot of the older people in town will still remember that truck."

They'll have their chance to get a close-up look during the car show.

The event will be held in the BeLo parking lot and runs all day Saturday. Registration for the event begins at 9 a.m, and there is a $15 fee to enter. Trophies and plaques will be given to the top finishers.

"The judging will begin at noon," said Jack Norvell, one the event's organizers. "And we'll have about 15 different classes.

"They range from ones for certain makes and models to open classes for race cars and street cars. There will be a class for motorcycles, too."

Norvell said the first 100 cars to register will receive a commemorative dash plaque.

CAR SHOW

When: Registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, with judging starting at noon.
Where: BeLo Supermarket parking lot.
Entry fee: $15
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BEFORE AND AFTER. Ellsworth Spicher's Chevrolet milk truck is shown above in 1957, the year it was built. Below, Spicher, left, and Romie E. Green are pictured with the restored truck as it looks today.



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Expo exhibits emergency equipment

Dozens of area agencies will be on display

By Tom Noffsinger
Editor

North of Fourth Avenue on Main Street will be home to dozens of emergency vehicles Saturday for the Western Tidewater Emergency Responder Expo.

Held in conjunction with the Franklin Fall Festival, the expo will include more than 25 emergency service agencies from across the region.

Vehicles and equipment will be highlighted, including fire trucks, police cars, ambulances and a special visit by the Nightingale rescue helicopter.

"The expo encompasses any agency that's involved in emergency response," said Tommy Potter, a coordinator of the event.

"There will be departments with bike patrols, the state police will have displays and we will have all kinds of fire equipment.

"We have groups coming from Petersburg, South Hill and Ahoskie, N.C., with demonstrations and displays throughout the day," he added.

EMERGENCY EXPO

When: Saturday, Oct. 4.
Time: All day.
Where: Main Street.

One of the crowd-pleasing elements of the expo, said Potter, comes when a local celebrity is rescued from a rope hanging 90 feet over the street.

"Pete Grigsby from WTKR Channel 3 will be suspended from the rope and fire department personnel will rescue him. We'll do this several times during the day," said Potter.

Franklin Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief Mark Carr, also an expo coordinator, said another popular activity is the puppet show.

"The show emphasizes fire safety," he said. "We also have a kids trailer which stresses home fire safety and what to do and how to get out if there is a fire."

Potter adds, "We plan something for all ages, since the Fall Festival is so family oriented."

He said older family members will enjoy a display featuring a brand new mobile intensive care unit out of Norfolk. "Plus a lot of our other entries are returning for this year."

The expo provides a unique opportunity for the public to see fire, rescue and law enforcement equipment up close.

Plus, said Carr, the experts are on hand to explain the equipment and answer questions.

"That's what this whole thing is all about," said Potter, "educating the public."

He said the expo is also timed with the start of Fire Prevention Week, which was recently recognized in a proclamation signed by Gov. George Allen.

Some of those asking questions will include judges, since the expo is not only a collection of displays for Fall Festival visitors, it is a competition of the emergency agencies.

"All the equipment is judged and the operators are questioned about the machinery and its use," said Potter. "At the end of the day we give out awards and trophies."

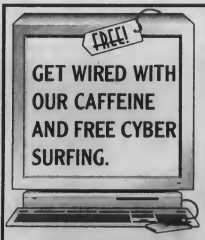
Carr said military equipment will be included in this year's expo for the first time. "We have a little bit of everything."

The expo, now in its third year, originally started as a parade during the Fall Festival. When the parade dwindled, the expo was formed to continue public awareness and serve as a regional competition.

The expo will be set up a the north end of Main Street, between Fourth Avenue and Jackson Street. Displays will start at 10 a.m. and last until about 4 p.m.



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Artists' best on display during festival

League hosts show and sale

By Tom Noffsinger
Editor

One of the area's most popular fall events joins forces with the Franklin Fall Festival this year — Arts in the Park.

"Arts in the Park was a successful event on its own last year," said Fall Festival coordinator Nanci Drake. "This year they wanted to join in with the festival.

"It's a nice event that adds a new dimension to the festival activities."

Last year's Arts in the Park was the first for the Blackwater Artist League, which sponsors the show and sale.

"Last year we held the show in late October," said Judy Fitzgerald, chairman of the show. "We had a lot of fun, so we thought we would try and do it again this year.

"If it doesn't rain it will be great. We're really excited about it."

ARTS IN THE PARK

When: Saturday, Oct. 4.
Time: All day.
Where: Meadow Lane Park.

Fitzgerald said more than a dozen area artists are expected to display their works, with a variety of fine art on display.

"There will be mixed-media, oils and water colors," she said. "We run the gamut from food to landscape to children.

"There is a good variety of art and it all falls into the category of 'fine art,' rather than arts and crafts."

More than 100 works are anticipated for the show, many of them will be offered for sale. "Each artist will have their own screens set up to display their works and most of the artists will be on-hand to talk with visitors," said Fitzgerald.

An added attraction this year will be live music, courtesy of Paul D. Camp Community College artist-in-residence Day! Burnett. "He will be performing for about four hours, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Race makes fest debut

By Tom Noffsinger
Editor

Southampton Motor Speedway near Capron is teaming up with the Franklin Fall Festival to host the Fall Festival 250 on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The weekend's racing action has been moved to Saturday during the festival to provide a second night's entertainment after Friday's block party on the campus of Paul D. Camp Community College.

The feature race will be a 250-lapper for late-model stock cars, one of the biggest races of the year for the track.

The race will be split into two segments. The first will cover 200 laps and then drivers will be directed to the pits for a break.

Drivers at the head of the field will then be inverted, prior to the final 50-lap dash to the checkered flag.

"These are the cars that look like what you see on television," said Candy Burgess, office manager at the speedway. She said more than 30 drivers are expected for the race, including local standouts and drivers from up and down the East Coast.

"This race will also be taped by the Home Team Sports network for airing at a later date," said Burgess.

More than $23,000 in cash and prizes will be up for grabs in the race.

Prior to the Fall Festival 250, a 50-lap race for modifieds will be held, with the oval action starting at 7 p.m. The gates open at noon, when racers begin their practice. Time trials get underway at 5 p.m.

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Concert is annual finale

By Jerry Matters
Staff Writer

Sunday at the The bulkhead beside the Be-Lo supermarket, several area gospel groups will deliver the good news.

The free Franklin Fall Festival concert will feature two groups of children, two groups of teenagers, and three choruses of mature singers. All are area groups.

Many are recording artists who have toured churches throughout the country.

Franklin's The King Brothers and The Children of Today are the youngest to perform. The King Brothers are exactly that, twin brothers Jerrell and Jerrod King, both 12.

The Children of Today feature three boys, aged 8, 11 and 12.

The eight young men of the contemporary/traditional group Brothers in Christ are celebrating their first anniversary together on Sept. 28.

They will perform with their peer group, BiG Slam, a teen-aged contemporary group.

The concert will also feature three large, traditional gospel groups.

The Group Chosen of Franklin, The Franklin Community Male Chorus of Franklin and The Harmonizing Jubilees of Murfreesboro, N.C.

These veteran groups feature members who have been performing together for several years.

Many other gospel singers were hoping to perform as well, but Louise Morings, the gospel group coordinator, had to cut it off at seven.

"We have a huge number of gospel groups in the Franklin area," Morings said. "And I wish I could put them all on, but we have only so much time."

As it is, each of the seven groups will have only 20 minutes to perform, though Morings expects the concert will extend beyond the 3 to 6 p.m. allotment.

Regardless of the time, Morings, who has been organizing the gospel component of the Fall Festival for 12 years, says gospel music has a special benefit for those who listen.

"Gospel music helps relieve the problems and worries of the world and makes us feel closer to our innermost being," Morings said.

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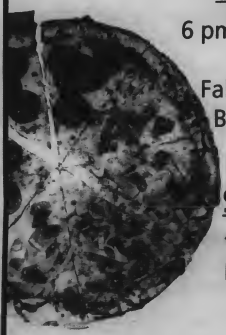
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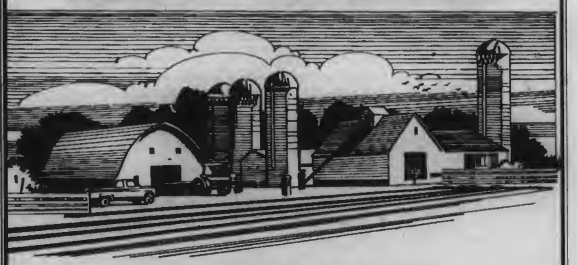
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The annual event attracts some of the best players in the area, according to chairman Jamie Brown.

"We see some new faces each year, but it's generally the same people so everyone knows each other's ability. The competition is very good."

The tournament is returning to the Belo bulkhead after two years at Barrett's Landing.

The horseshoe contest is an open event for men and women aged 18 and above. There will not be separate categories for men and women.

"Everyone competes against each other, but the women will only throw from a distance of 30 feet, versus 40 feet for men. Both are standard pitching distances," noted Brown.

Competition will be conducted for singles only, but it will be double-elimination. And there is no entry fee.

Each match will follow the cancellation method and consist of 20 maximum shoes per match or a score of 21, whichever comes first.

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Small fry try for fish

By Woodie Walker
Staff Writer

There will more to catch than bass and bream at the Franklin Fall Festival Youth Fishing Tournament.

Some lucky youngster is going to take home a brand new 12-foot aluminum john boat. The question is, how will it fit onto a bicycle?

"I bet their parents will lend a hand," jokes event organizer Jack Norvell.

The contest will run from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday. Registration will start at 7 and there is no entry fee.

"We've done this for years," said Norvell. "We always have a lot of fun and the kids seem to really enjoy it."

The location is the Blackwater River behind the BeLo Supermarket. Entrants must provide their own tackle and bait, and no artificial lures are allowed.

"We are going to have some members of local Bass Anglers Sportsman Society Clubs on hand to help," Norvell said. "And representatives of the Reel Kids Fishing Club will be there to assist and tell people about their program.

Reel Kids was founded by Trevor Ruble, a fifth-grade teacher from Blacksburg. The program encourages boys and girls to become interested in the environment through fishing.

"Fishing is an excellent alternative to drugs alcohol and violence," Ruble writes in the club's handbook. "Through responsible angling, kids learn much about good citizenship."

Members of the club receive a membership certificate, decal, identification card and four issues annually of "Hooked For Life" magazine, the organization's periodical.

Further membership information will be provided at the tournament.

While the boat will be the grand prize of the event, the winner's name drawn from the final list of entrants, Norvell said other prizes will be awarded, too.

"The two age groups will be 5 to 8 years old and 9 to 12 years old," he explained. "Prize categories for both groups will be most fish, ugliest fish, and biggest fish. The prizes will be some really nice fishing rods."

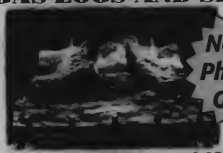


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Food gives fest flavor

By Woodie Walker
Staff Writer

If tons of tasty treats tempt your taste buds, the 1997 Franklin Fall Festival will be a special delight.

Nearly 30 vendors, offering everything from pizza and barbecue to cotton candy, will be featured during the three-day event that begins with a downtown block party Friday night.

"We'll have eight concessionaires for the block party," said Anne Williams, chairman of the food booths committee.

"The Hunterdale Boy Scouts will have pizza and Paul D. Camp Community College will have hot dogs and hamburgers. There will be others, as well, including hot sausages and barbecue."

Saturday will be the big day for those who like to sample good food while taking in the festival.

Approximately 20 concession stands will be located throughout the festival area.

"One of the best is the fish and chips served by the James L. Camp Jr. YMCA Black Achievers club," said Williams. "And four or five area churches will be holding bake sales."

On Sunday the festival is holding a gospel concert. Williams said there will food available there, too.

"I think we are going to be able to offer festival-goers something to choose from throughout the weekend," she said.



YUM, YUM. Cotton candy and dozens of other treats will be available at the Street Scene portion of the Fall Festival. Many vendors will be set up throughout the festival weekend.

This is Williams' tenth year of involvement with the Fall Festival. She said she took a year off once, but missed it so much she had to come back.

"It is a lot of fun," she said. "I think it is really important to give something back to the community. And this is a great way to showcase Franklin.

"We draw tremendous crowds each year with this event. There will be thousands of people in the parking lot Friday night. Many of those will come just to see the fireworks, which are some of the best around at any time of the year."

It sounds as though Williams takes the Fall Festival seriously.

"I do," she said. "And I love getting to try all of this good food."

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YES, IT TICKLES. Face painting is always a popular attraction for area children.

Booths boast many crafts

By Jerry Matters
Staff Writer

This year's Fall Festival will sport 126 arts and crafts booths, 30 more than last year.

Among the newcomers are "pouting babies," said Debbie Trump, booth committee chairman.

"The pouting babies are life-like dolls," Trump said, "made by a lady in Wakefield. Other new booths will sell wood works and ceramics.

"Along with local arts and crafts, some local commercial vendors will also have booths. All the downtown merchants will be represented, plus many more in the area."

The booths are actually rented spaces of 10-by-20 feet. The vendors themselves put up what they need, whether a table or a tent.

This flexibility has allowed the arts and crafts theme to steadily expand since the first Fall Festival 15 years ago.

While most of the booths continue to showcase and sell arts and crafts items, information can be dispensed just as easily.

"We have booths for all the schools in Franklin and Southampton County, plus the Girl Scouts and many other non-profit organizations," Trump said. "Even the Republican Party will have a booth."

Other booths include a chair massage for weary walkers, a diaper-changing booth for very weary walkers, and bungie runs, sand darts and face-paintings.

The booths will line Main Street from the railroad tracks to Fourth Avenue, and Second Avenue from Middle to Franklin streets.

Those streets will be closed while the booths are open between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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Spikers return to Fall Festival

Coed volleyball tournament attracts area enthusiasts

By Tom Noffsinger
Editor

Volleyball returns to the Franklin Fall Festival this year with a coed tournament planned Saturday on the grounds of Paul D. Camp Community College.

"It used to be offered several years ago and we're looking forward to the matches," said Joni Tormohlen, coordinator of the tournament.

"It will be a coed tournament with six players on each side. Of those, there has to be at least three females on the court at all times."

She said overall team numbers are limited to eight members, meaning no more than two alternates are available for substitutions.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

When: Saturday, Oct. 4.
Time: Registration at 8 a.m., play starts at 9 a.m.
Where: Paul D. Camp Community College.

"We've gotten several entries so far," said Tormohlen. "The tournament benefits the Franklin High School volleyball program. We're trying to purchase an indoor net system that costs $1,500."

Team entries are $80 for advance registration, $90 on the day of the event between 8 to 8:30 a.m. Play will start at 9 a.m.

"We will follow coed rules," said Tormohlen. "That means any time the ball is hit more than once, it has to be hit one of those times by a woman.

"The teams will play to a score of 15 for each game."

"We're still deciding on the format, it will depend on the number of entries." She added the preferred method will be a round-robin approach with teams playing on two courts.

"It will be rain or shine and most of the players will be adults," said Tormohlen. "But at least one will be a team of high school players."

She said there will be an area for spectators to watch and refreshments will be available.

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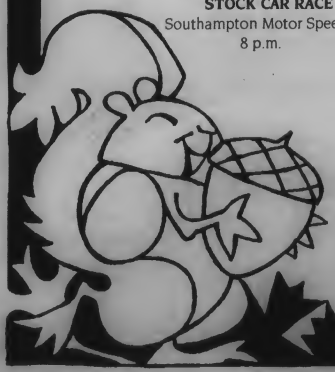
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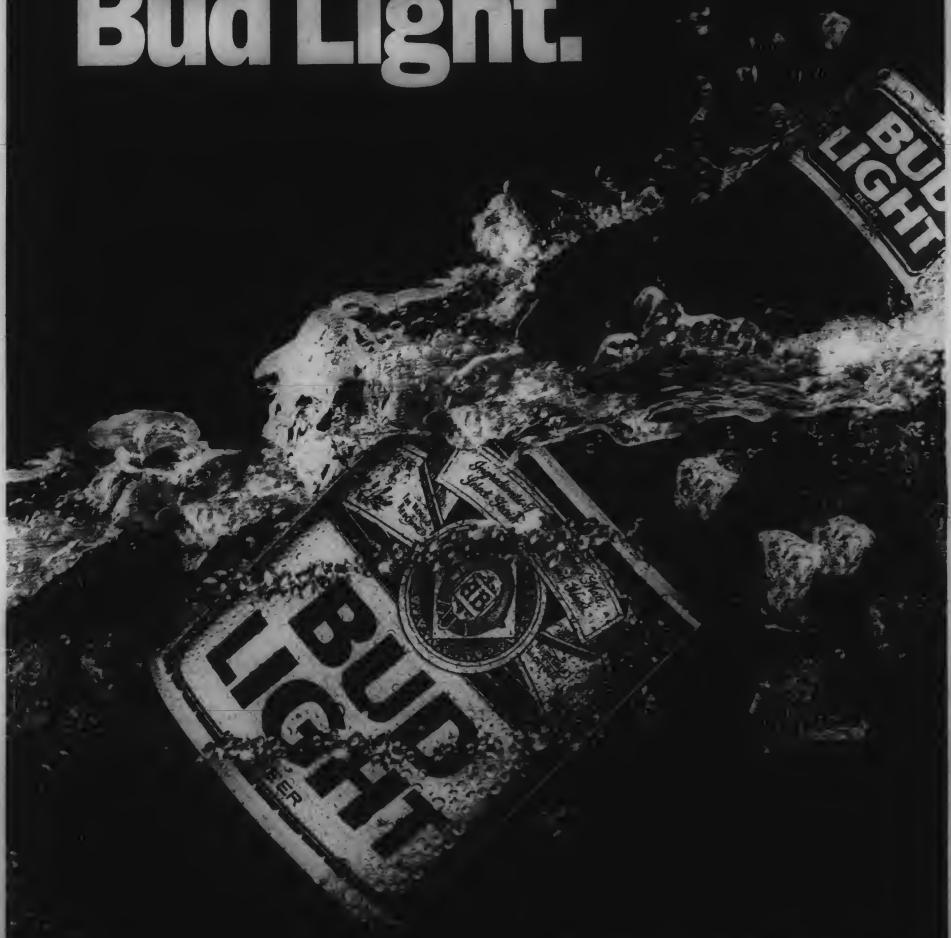
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Oberndorf also received the 1997 Distinguished Communicator of the Year Award from the Virginia Association of Communication Arts and Sciences.

Doggone fun

"Dog Show At The Mall" will be held on Saturday at Pembroke Mall. Show times are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and will feature 30 different breeds. Participating entries are representatives from the five all breed clubs and several specialty clubs located in the Hampton Roads area. This show is a preview to the upcoming American Kennel Club dog shows that will be at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Oct. 26 through Nov. 2. A total entry in excess of 2,500 purebred dogs is expected.

TCC hosts trip

Visit the great cathedrals at Canterbury, York and Winchester and metropolitan London with Tidewater Community College Dec. 28 through Jan. 6. Trip-goers will visit museums, browse the large shopping district with all its Christmas decorations (and after-holiday sales) or attend the theatre or concerts. The total cost of the trip is $1,298. The price includes air, hotel (including breakfast), all ground transportation in London, guided tours of historic sites, escorted tours of major museums, and all railroad fares for day trips. If interested, contact Derris Raper, 545-2640 or 822-7207, before Oct. 31.

Fright Night

Looking for a safe alternative to trick or treating that is fun, fun, fun? Visit Centerville Elementary School's Fright Night on Oct. 25 from 5-9 p.m. The school will be transformed into an early 1900s setting by PTA and staff volunteers, and Tallwood High School Art Club members. Visit Centerville Town Square for trick-or-treating and take a walk through the haunted house. Drama Club members from Tallwood High School and PTA volunteers will be dressed as characters that are trying to solve the mystery of the missing mayor of Centerville. Join Dr. Frank M. Stein and others as they play out the spooky story. Children of all ages can enjoy games, crafts and concessions. Admission is $1.

Test your hand

Space is still available in several Adult Studio School 1997 classes at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. Choose from day and/or evening courses in intermediate pastel, landscape on location, oil painting, photography and faux finishing; and lots of unique short courses and workshops in woven metal jewelry, glass mosaic tiles, handmade books, polymer clay (sculpey) jewelry and mandalas. Call 425-0000 now for a class schedule or to register for classes.

Ambassador visitor

Andre Adam, ambassador of Belgium to the United States, will address the World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads, on Thursday, Oct. 23. He will speak on "Euro-American Partnership: A Belgian View." The program will be at the Norfolk Airport Hilton, Northampton Boulevard and North Military Highway, and will begin with a cash bar reception at 6:15, dinner at 7 and the speech at 8 p.m. The cost is $17 for members, $20 for non-members and $10 for full-time students. For reservations and further information, call 461-3664. The deadline for reservations is noon on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

Heart healthy

Step out and join the fight against heart disease and stroke at the 1997 American Heart Walk Sunday, Oct. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Mount Trashmore in Virginia Beach. More than 3,000 walkers of all ages are expected to participate in this non-competitive three mile walk. Heart disease and stroke survivors will be honored with special red caps to show they are fighting back against these deadly diseases. For more information or to register to walk, contact the American Heart Association, 671-8636.

False Cape Lodge committee includes Little Island in study

Councilwoman questions memo

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

If False Cape Lodge in south Sandbridge becomes a reality, the city-owned Little Island Park is due for some changes — most significant, in location.

But councilwoman Barbara Henley thinks that maybe things are getting out of hand and city council will be faced with a package deal at the end of a process council or the public had little to do with.

Council appropriated $45,000 for a study by Cayuga Hospitality Advisors Inc. to find out whether an upscale lodge at the south end of Sandbridge would be feasible. The lodge would cater to ecotourism. Henley voted against the appropriation and noted as to how he might be prejudiced.

But she was bothered by a memo issued by the False Cape Committee instructing various city staff members to bring in proposals on various aspects of how the Little Island Park could be developed.

Under the proposal for a lodge, lodge interests would have to exchange private property for city-owned property. The lodge would be located on part of the present park property and the park would be moved next door to the beachfront houses.

Many things are involved — the land swap, the rezonings, a transportation system that would get tourists to False Cape State Park and the ultimate redesign of the city park.

At an informal session of council Tuesday, Henley questioned the tone of the memo which instructed staff members to bring in ideas.

City Manager James W. Spore said that the committee was exploring the feasibility of upscale accommodations, and transportation. Boats are part of the consideration, he said, but no plans have been made. He said that the city would need a half dozen state and federal permits and council approval before anything is done.

Henley said that Roger Newill, former long-time member of the Resort Area Advisory Committee, had asked the staff members to come in with plans. She said she thought the committee was looking for someone to build the hotel.

She said that advanced input from city council and others is needed. She said that among the suggestions was a water jitney to get people to False State State Park. She said that Robert Matthias, assistant to the city manager, was asked to get information on a transportation system in Back Bay.

"It's kind of getting big," she remarked.

Henley finds changed story hard to take

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The residents of the Salem and Landstowne Lakes areas are still the captive audience of the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater.

They questioned the effect the sounds from the amphitheater would have on their quality of life before the facility was built, and they have been complaining about the sounds that venture into their living rooms since the theater opened two seasons ago.

What bothers councilwoman Barbara Henley is that all the questions were asked before the amphitheater was approved and the answers were reassuring. But what the promoters said could be done before the fact is not what they're saying after the fact.



Henley

Henley Tuesday at a city council work session pulled out a verbatim from the public hearing on the amphitheater on March 28, 1995.

At that time, Henley asked:

"You do the best design you can. You build the best facility you can and we find that noise is a problem in the neighborhoods, what options do you have to cure it?"

"One option is we turn it down," replied Bill Reid, president of Cellar Door which operates the amphitheater. "We go back and find out the 105-decibel level at the board is not sufficient . . ."

"But then nobody will play here," said Henley.

Reid said that's not so. "One of the things we can do is, in fact, turn it down . . ."

Now, Henley said, the city is being told that can't be done.

"I don't appreciate being told one thing when (a project is) approved and then afterward told 'We're sorry; there is nothing we can do.'"

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that thousands of people enjoy the concerts, but that the integrity of the neighborhoods needs to be protected.

Pungo pumpkin pickings, other crops prove plentiful, promising

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

Nobody knows if there will be frost on the pumpkin before Halloween this year, but one thing's for sure. Whether you want a Jack-o-Lantern or a pumpkin pie, there are plenty of pumpkins ripe for picking right now.

The farm belt is also teeming with gourds, Indian corn and fall fruits and vegetables, and there are even a few tomatoes and peppers left.

The summer crops are winding down now, but daytrippers are still flocking to southern Virginia Beach for pumpkins, apples and hayrides. Later, broccoli, collards and Christmas trees will extend this year's growing season into December.

Meanwhile, the cycle keeps turning around, and some growers are already preparing for next year's crops before this season even ends.

Over on Henley's farm one recent day, Jeff Henley was busy taking pumpkin pickers on hayrides while his brother, Bruce, irrigated young strawberry plants in preparation for next year's season.

The farm chores, Bruce explained as he waded ankle-deep in the muddy field, never stop.

"There's always something."

Pumpkins and other fall crops are looking pretty good this year, and Bruce's father, Winky, and farmer John Cromwell credit their irrigation systems for this year's good yield.

"If you didn't have irrigation it was a bad year," said Cromwell, who sells the pumpkins he grows on his New Bridge Road farm at a stand on General Booth Boulevard.

His stock includes several varieties that range in size from 50 or 60 pounds to miniature, or "munchkin pumpkins" used for decoration. One variety, a small, dark-colored pumpkin called the "spooky", is particularly good for cooking.

"It's called a pie pumpkin," added Cindy Weatherly, who works with him at the roadside stand. "It's solid inside, like an apple, and you just peel it, boil it and run it through the blender. You can also just scrape it and cook it, but it has a different texture then. It's something like sweet potato pudding."



PERFECT PUMPKIN. Four-year-old Tyler Bounds of Virginia Beach proudly showed off his favorite specimen.

The fall business usually picks up around mid-October as people prepare for Halloween, Cromwell and Henley said. They also sells decorative items, including gourds, Indian corn and squash, but there's plenty of produce still available for sale, too.

Tomatoes aren't as plentiful now due to the dry weather and cool nights, but growers are harvesting apples, sweet potatoes, squash and pears, and some are already picking their fall crops of green beans and butterbeans.

"We started picking our fall crop of snap beans," Cromwell said, "and next week we'll start cutting broccoli."

Dry weather slowed his broccoli crop, Henley added, but he expects fresh broccoli to come on line in November, and it might extend until Thanksgiving.



Photos by Jane Rowe

HOEDOWN. Farming is a "13-month-a-year" job for Virginia Beach growers. Once one season is finished it's time to start another. Fall may be in the air, but Mark McGuire is already getting ready for spring by irrigating some young strawberry plants at Henley's Farm.

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Beseiged property owner scores victory

Wins fight against muskrats — for now

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

David M. Rappold likes to watch and feed the birds that are attracted to the retention pond behind his house at 3949 Topaz Ln.

He likes his house which he has been trying to upgrade.

He would like to build a swimming pool, too, since the pond water isn't too tempting for swimmers. But that's another story.

He would also like to be able to water the plants in his garden, but can't because of water restrictions.

But when he started losing parts of his property to erosion aided by a contingent of muskrats that undermined the soil, he decided to bulkhead his property.

After eight months of trying, Rappold, at Tuesday's council meeting, was finally granted a temporary encroachment into a portion of the city drainage easement that will allow him to construct a wooden bulkhead and deck.

Although Rappold didn't officially file for the encroachment until April, the months it took to reach success — and he went into Tuesday's council session expecting the worst — was a bit much for the uninitiated.

During a discussion before the meeting, he said that he wanted to do things the right way, but that perhaps it would have been better to do what others have done and just go ahead and build the bulkhead.

Rappold, medically retired from the Navy, has lived in Virginia Beach for seven years and at his present home for six years.

During the year before purchasing his present home, he rented an apartment at Runaway Bay, where one of the enticements was the use of facilities for washing cars. But he soon learned that was out of the question because of water restrictions.

Rappold's home is in Salem Villages behind the Tidewater Community College campus. It was developed by Talbot and Associates which has since merged into the TAF Group. Remember?

The TAF building burned down recently along with the survey of the Rappold property. He would have to get another survey, he was told by the TAF Group, that would cost $180 to $225.

More than 20 homes in the subdivision have the same problems which the owners have tried to fix with or without official sanction. Parts of their properties serve as passageways for drainage for the area through easements which further limit the use of their property.

Rappold said that he had thought he had a five-foot easement across his property but learned later it was 10. He has a long narrow lot, like the others around the lake, and in trying to scrape up enough land for a swimming pool, looked into have the power lines moved. Moving the Virginia Power lines would cost $1,500 and the telephone lines $1,200.

Rappold has about given up on the pool project.

Before filing for the encroachment with the city Rappold got the approval of other agencies, like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Rappold has been disillusioned about the city in other ways.

In January, a car plowed into his kitchen. The speed limit on Topaz is 25 miles per hour, but the impact divided his refrigerator into four parts and tore down a fence.

In fact, three accidents have occurred in front of his house although the road curves gently.

His trials and tribulations have started Rappold thinking — maybe he should move out of the state altogether once he has his house fixed up for sale.

Or maybe, since the muskrat population has diminished or disappeared and once his has his bulkhead and deck, he will find the ambience of Salem Villages more to his liking.

Commentary

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Far reaching

Most people do not realize how many Americans are afflicted with mental illness. What was once considered a family problem has finally been recognized as a true disease, more prevalent than cancer and far more treatable.

Nationally, the number one reason for hospital admissions is psychiatric disorder. At any one time, nearly 21 percent of all hospital beds are filled by people suffering from a mental illness.

Mental illnesses such as manic depression, schizophrenia and obsessive-compulsive disorder are more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. Mental illness is a disease of the brain, biologically based and the fault of no one. Unfortunately, families carry the stigmas associated with mental illness.

Mentally ill patients and their families are stigmatized. Today's culture is more understanding of previous generations, but the term "mental illness" is still vague to most people. Horror movies and television shows enhance the stereotypes of portraying killers as "psychotic." In reality, organizations such as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill say those suffering from mental diseases are more frequently the victims of crime, rather than perpetrators.

Sadly, those stigmas and popular beliefs help keep mental illness in a virtual closet. There is shame associated with being mentally ill, or having a family member who is. The stereotypes keep other people from seeking treatment for themselves and others — it closes minds and fuels discrimination.

This week, take a moment to become more aware of mental illness. It is not an infrequent occurrence, nor something that can be blamed on families or individuals. Mental illness is a medical disease of the brain, more prevalent than most people realize. But unlike cancer and other diseases which receive more attention, people are still grossly unaware of mental illness. That can change, but only if people become involved and educate themselves.

RED CROSS YOUTH VOLUNTEER MONTH

Lend a hand

On Sept. 17, 1917 the American Red Cross formally established a Youth Services Program. President Woodrow Wilson invited all young people to join the newly-established Junior Red Cross. Now, as the Red Cross celebrates 80 years of service to the local community, the Tidewater Chapter is kicking off an effort to expand its youth programs.

Over the years, young Americans have helped the disaster relief organization in a number of ways — war efforts, health and safety education, blood services.

But their volunteerism needn't end there.

According to youth volunteer coordinator Diane Byrd, the Red Cross would like to expand volunteer initiatives to include disaster preparedness, teaching community disaster education in schools, and having young people teach others about the organization's programs and services.

Peer-to-peer teaching is not new to Red Cross either. Already young people assist with HIV and AIDS education and awareness programs, water safety and blood drives. Youths also participate in various community events such as the Children's Festival, parades and fund-raising efforts.

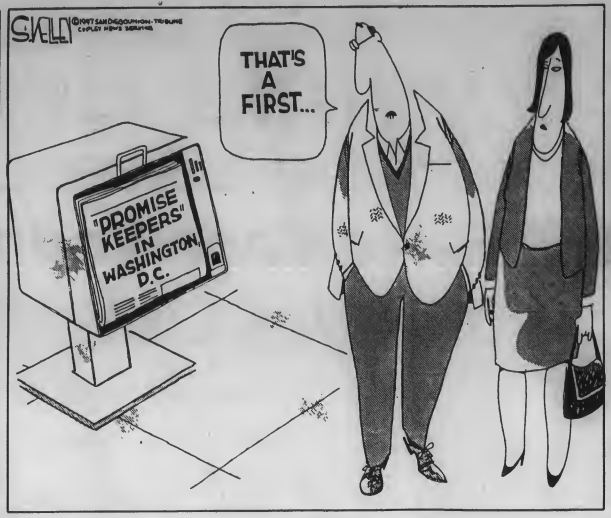
The expansion of the Youth Program comes as the United States sees a need for young people to be given the opportunity to help others. Community service allows America's future leaders to grow through learning new skills, leadership development and expansion of the social interaction.

October is Red Cross Youth Volunteer Month. The goal is to expand the program locally by recruiting 100 new volunteers and developing disaster preparedness programs in 25 additional schools. Several are already established in Virginia Beach. Interested youth should call Diane Byrd, 464-7581.

Remember, today's helpers are tomorrow's leaders. — V.E.H.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the editor from readers who wish to reflect upon or take issue with other views. That's what this page is for, the sharing of opinions: yours, ours and those of our columnists and cartoonists. Please share your thoughts with fellow readers by faxing to 548-0390. The writer's name, address and telephone number must be included. We do not print unsigned letters. We reserve the right to edit. Thank you.



We need to keep reading alive

By Larry McGehee

In 1800, a study found only 10 percent of Americans could read. Then came Bible societies and tract societies, spreading free literature across the land.

And along with them came schools, late in arriving, but definitely a mass movement by the 1830s. By the 20th century, more than half the people could read. By World War II, three-fourths could.

We became the most literate nation in the world. Even today, literacy is probably as high in American as most nations of the world.

But the use of reading has definitely declined. Book sales are down. Library check-out rates have dropped. Test scores on reading comprehension have gone down.

People still learn. But they do it now in groups and in ways other than Abe Lincoln's style of borrowing a neighbor's books and carrying them five miles to read alone by the light of the fireplace.

A library room could be filled with books and articles written in the last decade on why children can't read. It would probably stay there, unread.

The villians that destroyed reading are numerous.

Television. Rock music. Concerts. Athletics. Sex. Movies. Videos. CD's. Audio books. Computers. Sports cars. Schools. Teachers. Parents. Materialism. Affluence. Drugs. Alcohol. Too little homework. Too little religion. Costs of books. Tabloids.

The list goes on and on. Johnny and Jane can't and don't read. Prophets see us sinking into a pit of illiteracy.

My explanation for why Americans don't read is that they are spending less time in their bathrooms than they used to.

In farm days, every outhouse had a Sears catalog to read.

As people moved to town and into houses with indoor plumbing, they took the Sears reading habit with them.

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In my early childhood 50 years ago, there was a magazine rack in the bathroom. We could help ourselves to *Good Housekeeping*, *Saturday Evening Post*, *Reader's Digest*, or the *L&N Railroader* magazine.

For a while, when I dreamed of becoming a Congressional page and entering politics, we had a free subscription to the *Congressional Record*. When I decided to succeed Stan Musial with the Cardinals, we had *The Sporting News*.

When I had history papers to do for the fifth and sixth grades, we had copies of *National Geographic* that Mrs. Herndom up the street lent us from her complete collection of yellow-trimmed glossy magazines. (We discovered these also had unclad native women in living color photographs, enticing enough to make us look forward to history paper assignments, and proably the reason *Playboy* didn't really shock us in later years).

For years, once through college and married, we kept the bathroom stocked with *Newsweek* and *Time* magazines. Sitting or soaking, the articles were just the right length for our visits to the room.

Time passed, the children toddled off to high schools and colleges and careers, and the available time of the bathroom increased.

We began to take whole books with us. I am embarrassed to say that I have actually read entire novels in one bathing. (The trick is adding hot water occasionally).

Curiously, I find the magazine rack of our bathroom now filled with *Southern Living* magazines, at least two years worth.

We don't read the travel sections, nor the house and furnishing section, nor the garden section any more. When we were younger and trying to keep up with Joneses, I guess we did. Floor plans and formal gardens and Florida may have interested us them, but not any more.

Now we read *Southern Living* for the food sections.

Of necessity, we have become health conscious. There isn't much we don't know now about fat content, calorie counting, cholesterol and carbohydrates. Fish and chicken have become our bosom companions. Pigs and cows are something we dimly remember, as Indians must have recalled vanished buffalo. Even road kill sometimes looks appetizing.

But we live vicariously, thanks to *Southern Living*.

In full-page vivid colors, we savor strawberry shortcakes heaped with real whipped cream, fat oozing dumplings, miles of cakes and mountains of cookies and assembly lines of casseroles and steaming onion rings.

And breads! Loaves and loaves, surrounded by rings of muffins and croissants and rolls, thick globs of butter or neat butter patties melting and running off the page.

It is a never-ending and ever-changing feast. Unable to feed literally upon such bounty, we fill ourselves with food fantasies. Life is a veritable cornucopia of great food photography. Marilyn Monroe never looked this good.

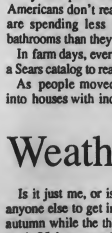
Thank goodness for the gift of being able to read, and for bathrooms with books.

Weathering the fall of our discontent

Is it just me, or is it difficult for anyone else to get into the spirit of autumn while the thermometer still reads 85 degrees and higher?

There were a couple of days last week when I was sure that fall had made its arrival.

There was just enough chill in the air to mean condensation on my windshield in the morning. I threw an extra blanket on the bed and opened up the bedroom window so we could enjoy pleasant night breezes without air conditioning. I even traipsed up to the attic to inspect my sweater collection.



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

On Friday I planned a special trip to the nursery to purchase mums for my doorstep, pumpkins for eventual carving and squashes and gourds to fill a bowl on the table.

Then I woke up Saturday morning and Mother Nature slammed me with a curveball. It was hot — the sticky, sweaty, middle-of-the-summer hot where one's clothes cling to the skin.

Summer in October? Of course. I should have known better.

As much as I'd like for us to have fabulously cool falls where the trees are streaked with brilliant hues of gold, red and orange come September, I must be realistic.

We're in the South.

While it may not be Florida, Georgia or even North Carolina, we're still going to be whomped with furnace-fiery temperatures 'til the Thanksgiving turkey makes his last gobble. On Halloween we want to don comfortable sweaters to greet the trick or treaters and enjoy hearty fall fare — stews, pies and the like.

But it just doesn't jive with life in Virginia. Well, at least not Hampton Roads.

I'm sure Mom will correct me if I'm wrong, but I could swear she used to dress me in a costume and a coat when All Hallow's Eve rolled around. I can seriously remember complaining because I had to wear a jacket — something warm — over my Wonder Woman and bride costumes.

Then there was back-to-school time. I swear — no, I double swear — that I greeted the first day of school with a wool skirt and leather lace-ups as a child. Put that on these days and you'll swelter in the classroom. Today's youth return to classes in shorts, T-shirts and sandals.

As a geology/environmental science major in college, I learned that the world is experiencing global warming. It seems that we stupid humans used too much aerosol hairspray, deodorant and the like and burned up our atmosphere with chlorofluorocarbons.

Now the planet, to explain it simply, is turning into a big greenhouse. The polar cap is melting and we're all liable to float away many, many years from now. That's my best summation.

By my reckoning, observing from our hot spells the past couple decades or so, the planetary greenhouse is well under way. I'm not a fatalist, and I sure as heck don't want to see everything float away, burn up or whatever. I just want those autumns of my memory back.

Is it asking too much to have send some cold air blasts this way? For the leaves to begin turning their brilliant shades just a tad earlier and for Halloween to to put a nip in the cheeks? To be able to wear sweaters before Christmas?

And while God's up there changing the seasons around, I've got one more little request. I'd like spring to come sooner. It sure is a bummer for stores to tout all their lovely spring clothes, Easter hats and so forth while people are still bundled up in their winter coats.

I know it's a tall order for God to fill. I'd be pleased if He'd just start with my smallest request — sweater weather. There are pumpkins waiting to be picked and stews to be made.

Ode to Miss Lucy

From time to time my old friend Tony Stein writes in his newspaper column, "Random Rambles," about his memories of his childhood days.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

I, too, have memories of days long past and I suspect my memories go back a little further than Tony's, something like 70 odd years ago.

I came from a musical family, but none of that talent rubbed off on me except the love I have for music. My mother, who never had a piano lesson in her life, could hear a song and play it on the piano. I believe they call that "playing by ear." One of my aunts had a large family and they could all play different instruments.

My aunt played the pump organ, her husband played the fiddle, two of her sons played the fiddle and guitar, and her two daughters sang. They played and sang at several of the churches in the area. I had an uncle who could play the Jews' harp and harmonica without putting his false teeth in his mouth. Other members of my family played piano, violin and other instruments.

The only time I ever ventured into the field of music as a participant was when I was about 10 years old. My mother entered me in an amateur contest against my will. The contest was held at the local theater and I sang a song that is still a favorite of some today. It was called "I Only Have Eyes For You." I took second place and won a pair of Buster Brown shoes.

After that my mother could visualize a singing future for me that would parallel the career's of Dick Powell, Al Jolson and Bing Crosby, all popular singers of that day. But, it was not to be to the sad disappointment of my mother, God bless her.

I have come to appreciate gospel music because it brings a message to me that other music does not. I remember when I was in junior high school our music director was a spinster named Miss Lucy Gilbert. Miss Lucy was about 4-feet-2-inches tall, but she made up for her height with energy like I have never seen before or after. This was in the days that God was still in the schools and it was not forbidden to sing religious songs in school. We held assembly in the auditorium every morning where we sang religious and patriotic songs. Miss Lucy had a favorite song "Holy, Holy, Holy."

She made us learn it by heart and we sang it every morning. I can see Miss Lucy now leading us in that song. She would sing it as fast and as loud as possible while at the same time beating out the rhythm on the song book she held in her hand.

At times it seemed as if she would leap into the air as we sang Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty, God in three persons blessed Trinity. The rafters in the auditorium rang as if the anglers were singing. I will never forget those wonderful days and Miss Lucy.

Welcome to the real world.

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Kid-friendly video is tool against rabies

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Many of you know that Virginia Beach has been experiencing a rabies outbreak since 1992. In addition to the 54 raccoons found with rabies, one fox, three bats and three cats have also tested positive for the disease.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

Since the epidemic began, the Public Health Department, a state agency, has provided rabies education to our school children in an effort to prevent this fatal disease from being transmitted to a child, family member or pet.

Because Virginia Beach has 53 elementary schools and more than 37,000 children enrolled, this is a major undertaking.

Last year when the "Kids Against Rabies" live program was presented to the Board of Health at the Virginia Beach Marine Science Museum, the Public Health Department received rave reviews and many requests to "take the show on the road!"

They decided the best way to meet this demand was to make a video tape of the program. They wanted to develop a user-friendly tool — a high-action, colorful, and interesting video — to reach the people most at risk for rabies exposure — elementary-school aged children.

The Video Services Department was called upon and knowing some redesigning would be necessary after viewing the live program, it was taken outside into the world of a child at our own Princess Anne Park.

Despite the 100-degree heat, the lawn mowers, the Blue Angels' jet airplanes practicing for Neptune Festival and a few "extras" at the playground, the project took off and was completed after a mere 150 hours of taping, recording and editing.

The 20-minute video is geared toward a younger audience and makes learning about the disease fun! The kids learn the "Rabies Rap" and meet "Lance, the Wonder Dog," the Kids Against Rabies' mascot. The video tells children about the disease in terms they can easily understand, including how to prevent contracting it and how to protect their pets against rabies. The video even emphasizes something about bats.

"Don't ever pick up a bat, even if it's cute," the video proclaims.

Over the past several years at least 10 children have had to receive rabies shots after handling bats. To be a "Kid Against Rabies," children must promise never to handle a bat. Without this message from the video, most kids would not even think twice about handling a bat.

This newly-released video "Kids Against Rabies," produced for the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health by the Department of Video Services has won two national awards — the first being a NACCHO award.

No, this is not for a cooking contest! NACCHO stands for the National Association of City and County Health Officials. This award gives national recognition to outstanding, significant and innovative activities and programs of local health departments in the area of environmental health. The award was presented at the NACCHO's Annual Conference and Exhibit in Houston, Texas in July.

In addition, the video has already been placed as a finalist in the 18th Annual Telly Awards under Children's Audience category. This national award is very prestigious and further illustrates the quality of this production.

Copies of the video are available at each municipal library and bookmobile and are currently being placed in each elementary school in our city.

Remember, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Vanessa Baird, rabies coordinator for the Virginia Beach Health Department, contributed to this column.

Crime Solvers seeking leads in murder, abduction cases

On Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7:45 p.m., Louis "Louie" Anthony Barone, a 26-year-old Virginia Beach man, was murdered. He was found in his 1992 GMC pickup truck in the 100 block of Castilian Drive in the Columbus Station East Condominiums parking lot. Barone had been shot in the head. For more than 10 months Virginia Beach detectives have been following leads to the person or persons responsible.



Crime Solvers

By Det. Jim Cashwell, Virginia Beach Police Department

Crime Solvers is asking the anonymous caller who recently provided information to contact Crime Solvers again at 427-0000.

If you have information on this crime or any other crime, Crime Solvers will pay up to $1,000 and, as always, you will remain anonymous and will not have to appear in court.

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On Monday, Sept. 29 at about 10 a.m., a Virginia Beach woman was walking in the parking lot of Hill's Department Store in the 2800 block of Virginia Beach Boulevard when she was abducted at gun point. The woman reports that a white man driving an older grey Oldsmobile approached her, displayed a handgun and ordered her into his car.

After forcing her into the car he drove the woman to the Richmond area. Part of the time the victim was in the passenger area of the car and part of the time she was in the trunk of the car. At one point the suspect demanded and was given the victim's money. The woman was dropped off in Henrico County where she notified the Henrico Police Department.

The suspect is described as a white man in his mid 30s, 5-feet-10-inches tall, weighing about 130 pounds. He has shoulder length straight brown or blonde hair, green eyes, a full beard and moustache and crooked discolored teeth. He was last seen wearing a red and white baseball cap, a red and grey plaid shirt, jean jacket and light faded jeans.

He was armed with a small silver handgun. The suspect's car is described as an older model, dirty, light grey Oldsmobile four-door with a tan interior.

Anyone with information regarding the identify of this suspect is asked to call Virginia Beach Crime Solvers at 427-0000.



Victim Anthony Barone



Suspect

Up close and personal

Mike Bolton: Building better teens

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

A poster outside Mike Bolton's office reveals much about the man inside: *"The road to success is always under construction."*

An inspiring statement, it especially hits home for the principal of Virginia Beach's Career Development Center. The facility, which Bolton describes as "a school within a school," offers half-day vocational training to about 170 students and is the home school for 240 teens who require more structured teaching and discipline.

In his first year leading the Career Development Center, Bolton came to Virginia Beach from Tulsa, Okla.'s Union Public Schools. An acquaintance of the Beach's superintendent of schools, Dr. Timothy Jenney, he admits to being lured East by the "aggressive, dynamic leader."

"We have the same philosophy, because without the students we don't have a job — and not just the best students, but all the students. If we fail them, we fail ourselves," Bolton said.

He firmly believes that the Baby Boomers, his own generation, have failed their children and produced a future of aimless, unmotivated individuals.

"Our generation's kids are the only ones who haven't done as well as their parents. Our parents wanted us to have things better than them. We've provided our kids with everything and they haven't had to work for anything. Baby Boomers have failed their kids. That's the bottom line, and we need to straighten it out," Bolton said.

He believes, however, that it's not too late for change with the help of committed educators and administrators. Although Bolton was "comfortable" in Tulsa, where he served as a coach, teacher and eventually principal, Jenney's persuasive powers finally worked.

"He's very visionary — and I know what that vision is. It took him a while, but he convinced me that the kids needed me here."

Now that Virginia Beach is home, Bolton is out to change perceptions; namely, about the Career Development Center.

"The perception has been 'I don't want my kids to go there because they've got drug pushers and weapon wielders,'" Bolton said. "What we want kids to know is they have a second chance here."

Often, Bolton said, young people "lash out" because they're lacking attention or get none at all. Simply explained, he continued, "Nobody functions well without attention."

At the Career Development Center, teens get that necessary attention on a tier system based on behavior. Less stringent discipline and attention is paid to the better-behaved young people.

Bolton is especially sensitive to the "average, everyday, middle-of-the-road" teens who are neither at the top of their class nor lagging behind. He views them as the forgotten majority.

"It's a bell-curve situation. In the middle is 60 to 70 percent of the total student population not getting the attention they need. At one end you've got the real achievers and the other end is the 10 percent acting out," he said.

Bolton knows he's not facing an easy situation, but then again the principal has never chosen the smoothest path to anything. He related to young people from experience and proudly shares his story with others.

"There's a quote I like: 'I didn't get old being a fool,'" he smiled. "I was raised by my grandparents on a farm. We were poor, but my grandparents said to have integrity no matter what. I didn't have what other people had. Consequently, I can sit down with these kids and say, 'I've been there.'"

He achieved his success in life by listening to his high school principal. When the young Bolton told the older man that he didn't always want to be poor, the advice he got was simple — "Get a formal education."

Bolton took him at his word, even though he had no money for college.

"It was my only chance. There was no gold mine for me, no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," he reflected.

Bolton got a baseball scholarship to the University or Arkansas and, although he dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player, ended up teaching and coaching instead. He also ended up with three degrees under his belt and a slew of coaching and academic honors.



None of this, however, conjures the pride that Bolton gets when speaking of his "success stories," students who have gone on to rewarding careers and are raising families. While in Oklahoma he kept up with their achievements, and admits he's probably "in a lot of trouble" with at least a couple for slacking off his attention since coming to Virginia. Bolton vows to "catch up" with them and even has pictures of several former students and players throughout his office.

When a student "doesn't make it," Bolton admits to feeling just as strongly.

"That's what sets me apart from the typical administrator," he said. "For me, it just doesn't work if you don't have a concern for the kids."

Now he's out to make memories — and a difference — in Virginia Beach. This week's open house at the center offered Bolton the chance to meet many of the students and their parents. He has dreams of starting a mentoring program allowing students, teachers and administrators to get more personally involved.

"We have a lot of red tape to work through," he said, "but we'll get there eventually."

Name: Michael Bolton.

What brought you to this area: Job.

Hometown: Tulsa, Okla.

Age: 50.

Nickname: Mike.

Occupation: Administrator, Virginia Beach Schools System.

Marital Status: Single parent.

Children: Five: Jerome, 33, is in the U.S. Army stationed in the Netherlands; Miki, 29, is an executive with Shell Oil Co.; Kesha, 24, is a teacher of speech pathology in Virginia Beach; Michael E., 12, is a student; and, Cameron M., 3, loves his daddy.

Favorite movie: "A Time to Kill."

Magazines I read regularly: *Ebony.*

Favorite author: John Grisham.

Favorite restaurant: Jamel Steak House in Tulsa.

Favorite meal and beverage: Alaskan snow crab legs or fried catfish with ginger ale, orange juice or a frozen margarita.

What most people don't know about me: My age and education.

Best thing about myself: I take care of my family.

Worst habit: Leaving the television on all night.

Pets: None.

Ideal vacation: The jury's still out on that one.

Hobbies: Working out and playing basketball and softball.

Pet peeves: Not listening to one's elders. I listen to old people — they didn't get old being a fool.

First job: Physical education teacher at Lewis and Clark Junior High School.

Favorite sports teams: Dallas Cowboys, Oklahoma Sooners and Kentucky Wildcats basketball (Coach Tubby Smith is a close friend).

Favorite musicians: Marvin Gaye and Quincy Jones.

Most embarrassing moment: Making a wrong exit on the Los Angeles Freeway.

How I would like to be remembered: As a person who loved life and people, especially young people.

If I received $1 million: I would build a shelter for disadvantaged youth so their lives would not seem so hopeless.

If I have 10 minutes on national television: I would make a plea to our federal, state and local governments, as well as the rich, famous and well to do, asking them to please set standards to help reconstruct our moral fiber so that our youth may be rescued from a hopeless existence.

Sydney Dance Co. brings energy to Pavilion

Encapsulating Australia's spirit of exploration, wit and energy, Sydney Dance Company performs Saturday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theater during their North American tour.

Presented by Tidewater Performing Arts Society, the troupe will perform "Free Radicals," a full evening work noted for theatrically and refinement.

Australia's premiere contemporary dance troupe, Sydney Dance Company was founded in 1969 and has been led by Artistic Director Graeme Murphy since 1976, who was voted Australia's leading choreographer by his peers.

The company is considered to be one of the most vital performing arts organizations of Australia, primarily because of the volume and originality of works in its repertoire. The *New York Post* stated " . . . Graeme Murphy is a choreographer you will want to tell your grandchildren about. The man is a major find and so is his company."

A collaboration between Murphy and composer Michael Askill, "Free Radicals" explores the idea that dance evolved from rhythm (or vice versa) and is a series of connected solos, duets, trios and ensemble works in which the dancers and musicians interact and, at times, exchange roles. Evolving side by side with Murphy's dynamic choreography, the melody-free, rhythmically complex music is a percussion score created on a variety of improvised instruments including metal salad bowls, terra-cotta pots, wooden platters floating in a giant gold fish bowl, iron sheets, as well as the dancers' bodies themselves. A free flowing fusion of movement, rhythm and international influences.

The Company is credited with contributing to Australia's renewed interest in dance. In fact, Murphy's works are the object of national pride and have provided an environment for a new generation of choreographers. Single tickets are $18, $24 and $26 and may be purchased through Ticketmaster outlets and Ticketmaster charge-by-phone, 671-8100.

Virginia Vocalis sings out under familiar leadership

Choral director's new youth group is growing

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Some talented young singers are making beautiful music again under a new name, and they've brought with them a leader familiar to Hampton Roads audiences.

Virginia Vocalis, the latest youth choral organization under the direction of Linda Vastardis, is off to a good start. There are currently 19 choristers on roll, and Vastardis is looking to fill additional spaces.

This season's rehearsals began last month. Before that, the group performed on "Live at Nine" before breaking for summer vacation — within just a month of its formation.

Vastardis, a Chesapeake resident and choral director at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, anticipates big things for Virginia Vocalis.

But the new group's formation hasn't been without controversy.

"I guess you live and learn," Vastardis sighed, referring to her June dismissal as director of the Virginia Wesleyan Children's Chorus.

The group, formerly the Old Dominion University Children's Chorus, grew under her tutelage. Vastardis was a senior at ODU in 1993 when she visited director Michael Murphy of the university's Community Music Academy.

According to Vastardis, Murphy shared his frustration with the then-unsuccessful ODU Children's Chorus and hired her on the spot to lead the organization. Immediate preparation for the '93-94 season began. By September, 34 choristers were registered and the Parent Guild was formed.

The first season members performed in "Vivaldi's Gloria for Young Voices" at Chandler Recital Hall. That year they also performed with the Virginia Choral Society and at the university's spring baccalaureate.

Subsequent seasons were filled with benefit concerts, a performance in Washington D.C. with the Fairfax Children's Choir at the Embassy Suites, on the White House Ellipse, in the Capitol Building and at the Basilica of the National Shrine.

The group was also invited to perform during a Hampton Roads visit by Norway's King Harald and Queen Sonja, followed by the chorus' first international performance trip to Norway.

The 1996-97 season brought change. According to Vastardis, the choir learned it could no longer perform outside the Tidewater area under the ODU name. The university cited possible liability in case of an accident.

In turn, the Parent Guild and director accepted an offer from Virginia Wesleyan College to move the group and rename it the Virginia Wesleyan Children's Chorus. The change was official on Nov. 1.

In its first year at Wesleyan the young singers performed at the Children's Holiday Choral Festival at Disney World, the Founder's Inn holiday illumination and churches. Following a concert at Bayside High School in April, Vastardis said she learned her contract would not be renewed in June as director of the chorus.

Vastardis admits she was hurt.

The '96-97 season was her first year at Woodrow Wilson, she said, and there was much on her plate. She said the reason for dismissal cited by Wesleyan was her schedule and other commitments preventing her from taking a fuller role desired by the college.

"But I thought I'd pick myself up and dust myself off," she said.

Within two weeks, with support from several choristers and their parents, the first meeting for a new choir was held. Rehearsals of Virginia Vocalis began May 5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Norfolk.

Most of the new group's choristers are former members of the Virginia Wesleyan and Old Dominion choruses.

"We believe in Linda as a choral director," explained Mary Lou Anderson of Norfolk, mother of 12-year-old singer Lindsay. "That's why we came with her. She's a talented, wonderful person. Children have a rapport with her — she reaches them at their level."

Sara Posey of Norfolk, 15, made the decision to join Virginia Vocalis after performing under Vastardis for five years.

"She has a vision.," Posey said.

"And spunk!" added Lindsay Anderson.

Posey said that performing has offered her opportunities for self-esteem and travel.

"A lot of people talk about how sports give you self-confidence. But if you're not good at them, it doesn't. Singing is another way. I wouldn't have sung with the opera or gone to Norway if it weren't for this."

Adrienne Hill of Virginia Beach, also 15, cited more individualized attention in Virginia Vocalis and enjoys the wide variety of music. The repertoire spans jazz, popular, folk and classical choral selections.

Myrna Ozo of Chesapeake, mother of 12-year-old Cristina, was unfamiliar with Virginia Vocalis when she learned of the new group from a newspaper advertisement.

"My daughter very much loves to sing, so I thought this was a good chance for her to do it right. I'm just amazed at how well these children can do. It's perfect for her because she's learned not just words, but technique," Ozo said.

Ron Barham, vice president of the Virginia Vocalis Parent Guild and father of the group's lone male singer, said the chorus lacks one thing: "We need some boys!"

Barham also chuckled that his son Aaron, 12, has gone from a soprano since he started singing with Vastardis to a tenor.

Bill Byrd of Portsmouth, father of 12-year-old Patricia, says his daughter is carrying on a family tradition by performing with Virginia Vocalis.

"I sang in chorus when I was growing up," he shared.

"Now I sing barbershop quartet. Patricia loves to sing. She had a choice this year to lay out of chorus, piano or basketball. She loved chorus so much that it took her an hour to convince her piano teacher she needed a year off (from the instruction)."

Vastardis said the group is "comfortable at 19 singers," but she would like to see it grow to 25 and no more. Her former groups, she added, had 40 singers or more and were often difficult to manage.

A smaller choir allows her to provide more individualized attention.

"We wanted this to be fun — to do good choral technique, excellent chorale literature and just a good time. We're here because we want to be here and enjoy ourselves," she said.

Vastardis said that what's needed now are a few more treble singers aged 8 to 16 "who have a love for singing, a natural talent and a sincere desire to participate in an outstanding choral organization."

Rehearsals are held Mondays from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk. There is a membership fee. For more information on the group or to schedule an audition, call 484-8036.



Photos by Victoria Hecht

SINGING OUT. Virginia Vocalis, led by director Linda Vastardis, is 19 voices strong and growing. A smaller group, she said, means more individualized attention for the young people.

> **"A lot of people talk about how sports give you self-confidence. But if you're not good at them, it doesn't."**
>
> Sarah Posey, 15, singer



VIRGINIA VOCALIS. Treble singers aged 8 to 16 from throughout Hampton Roads can join the newly-formed chorus.

Pastor's aide recognized

Greater St. Andrew's Africa. Methodist Episcopal Church, 3008 MacDonald Rd. in Virginia Beach will celebrate its Pastor's Aide Ministry on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. Michael Toliver, the choir and congregation from First Baptist Church South Hill.

On Friday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m., the male chorus of Greater St. Andrew's will sponsor its pre-anniversary Male Chorus Jamboree featuring some of Tidewater's finest male choruses, and on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. the male chorus of Greater St. Andrew's will celebrate its anniversary.

Family Day featuring the Rev. Walter Butts and family is set for Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 420-4209.

Pastor's prayer gets some speedy results

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

When the Rev. Samuel D. Beiler Jr. pronounced his invocation at Tuesday's City Council meeting in verse with an admonition to lead with the utmost speed, little did he know that the council meeting was going to be one of the shortest on record.

As it turned out, council went through the few formalities, including the invocation, in a few minutes. Then it passed the short agenda by consent — practically no discussion — except for a handful of appointments, none controversial.

Then it was back to the rough part of the meeting, the discussion of a long shopping list of items in executive session which had started about 10:30 a.m. and extended into the regular council session delaying the start of the meeting from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Beiler's prayer apparently did not extend to executive sessions.

The verse which Beiler, pastor of Trinity Tabernacle Church, prepared for council — he distributed copies to council members — reads as follows:

"Almighty God our creator and sustainer, grant us your special guidance today as we seek to do that which is right for the citizens of this great city.

Give them the knowledge and wisdom to make decisions that are fair

So that all those who are affected by their deliberations will know that they care.

Give these able members of the Virginia Beach Council great skill

So that forming the plans will show that they also seek thy will

You have placed upon these gathered here responsibility that's great

The future of our city lies in the laws, plans and programs that will be our fate.

So now bless those that have been chosen to lead

With wisdom from God and the utmost speed.

In the master's name, Amen and Amen."

Music fest earns high marks

Senior Group Travel magazine will name the Virginia Beach American Music Festival one of the 62 outstanding U.S. festivals and major events for 1998. The Editor's Choice selections will be published in the magazine's November issue, which will be distributed to more than 11,000 group tour decision-makers throughout the United States.

The list serves as an additional source of information for senior group leaders and bank travel club readers when planning their 1998 travel itineries.

The Annual American Music Festival is the largest musical event on the East Coast.

The Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development, in cooperation with its tourism industry, maintains an aggressive promotion and advertising program to attract group tours.

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Girls explore activities, opportunities at Expo

By Phyllis Johnson
Correspondent

Discovering the world around you, what you're interested in and what the Hampton Roads area has to offer in the way of museums and the arts is what the annual Girl Scout Expo is about.

Young ladies from all around met Saturday at the Portsmouth Tidewater Community College campus to experience many activities.

One of the simpler pleasures to be enjoyed by some troops upon arriving at the expo was a picnic lunch under the trees. Munchies gave that extra fuel needed to maintain energy for standing in long lines and resisting the hot sunshine.

Older scouts offered face painting to visiting troops. Nearby, anxious Scouts lined up for a chance at the moonwalk.

"I liked the moonwalk," declared third grade Scout Christine Smith of the newly-formed Troop 408 in Chesapeake. "It wasn't hard."

Scouts emerging from the walk wore big smiles.

"I'd like to do that again," said another scout, upon crawling out of the walk.

Big drawing cards at the event were the refreshment areas. The warm sun prompted brisk sales in the soft drink and snow cone department.

An activity area called Cracks, Crevices and Crawlways proved challenging for many girls. Three wooden boxes of different lengths and tasks were used as a testing ground for the girls' ability to crawl through a small, dark space with agility. Some Scouts found it easier than others. For those who feared the dark, it was a little less enjoyable.

One was labeled "Squeeze Box." It had an adjustable ceiling height through which girls had to crawl. Some Scouts were seen talking the exhibit handler into raising the ceiling a bit for them.

"I had to go through sideways," said one girl, laughing.

One box was maze-like and a scout commented that she had to move through it like an "S." The 3-year-old sister of one of the Scouts, had no problem zipping through the maze of a darkened box and her early experience at Scout expos should prepare her for her own future troop.

Trundling the hoop was a colonial game that provided a challenge to scouts in the form of wooden hoops for rolling and sticks for controlling the hoops.



HOOP IT UP. Colonial children could spend hours rolling hoops with sticks, as young visitors learned during last weekend's Saturday's Girl Scout Expo.



Photos by Phyllis Johnson

FILL 'ER UP. There were plenty of hungry stomachs after all the activities and entertainment at the annual Girl Scout Expo. A trip to the ice cream truck filled the order – and stomachs!

"This is a colonial game that was brought over from England," a guide explained. "It was particularly popular with boys in colonial days. The hoops are made of wooden saplings that are bent. The hoops are then hit with a stick."

Another activity involved paper folding creating small paper boxes. Scouts seemed interested in learning an activity that requires little in supplies.

The colonial skill of linen making involved demonstrations of flax preparation, a spinning wheel, carding, and weaving. The demonstration gave scouts much to think about and an appreciation for their own clothing.

Scouts learned about wildlife as they listened to Virginia Living Museum worker Terry Moeslein, who displayed items from the museum and had an owl that delighted girls with its head rotations.

"Now place your finger beside your nose and at the count of three, move your finger away," said Moeslein.

The onlookers did so as instructed and at that same moment, his feathered friend opened its wings, showing off a broad wingspan.

"That's a trade secret," joked Moeslein, who said he was happy to be at the expo working with the Scouts. "I also like having volunteer helpers," he said, looking at the cadet helpers."

What wasn't a secret was that the expo was an endless source of amusements. There was a table for button making and a theatre inside for those wishing to escape the heat. At various times during the day there were square dancers, African dancers, Filipino dancers and Double Dutch performers inside the college building. One area of the building housed a model train exhibition.

Outside there were storytellers, song leaders and a group of Scottish dancers instructed by Eleanor Unger.

Bagpipe music alerted expo attendees of the coming Scottish dance performance. The dancers were not actually a Scout troop themselves, but one of its members is a Girl Scout. The plaid wearing dancers were an agile, synchronized group who did justice to the art of the dance.

On another end of the interest spectrum, a female sergeant showed Scouts an Army vehicle with a palletized loading system.

"Did they send you here today because you're a girl?" asked one of the younger girls.

Rivers smiled and admitted that she had never been a Scout herself.

A fire truck was of extra interest to younger Scouts who had never experienced a climb up into a fire truck. There were also classic cars on the premises but weren't drawing the interest they might have drawn at a Boy Scout event.

Nauticus was one of the museums represented at the expo. Scouts enjoyed playing with the "tornado bottles" and learned about water vapor through a riveting experiment by Mary Denyes, a worker from Nauticus.

The hundreds of girls attending the expo were treated to many different kinds of activities and will eagerly anticipate Girl Scout Expo 1998.



FEATHERED FRIEND. Terry Moeslein from the Virginia Living Museum brought his favorite owl to visit the expo.



STEP TO IT. Scottish and Highland dancers drew many admiring glances from young and old at the annual expo.

There's something brewing

Savor the sweet aroma of malt or the flowery scent of hops in the more than 70 fine imported beers, microbrews, draft and specialty beers as well as ciders available for sampling at the Third Annual October Brewfest presented by Farm Fresh.

Scheduled from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 and Sunday, Oct. 26, October Brewfest takes place at 24th Street Park.

Beer available this year include Norfolk's own Steamship, Blue Moon Raspberry Cream Ale, Foster's, New Amsterdam, Redhook ESB, Cider Jack Hard Cider, Black Dog Honey Raspberry, Hornsby's Dark and Dry Cider and many more.

Brewfest attendees can purchase mugs for a sampling for $3. Six-ounce tastes cost $1.50 and a full 12-ounce taste is only $3.

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A Farm Fresh extravaganza

The 18th Annual Farm Fresh Extravaganza promises loads of food and great entertainment for the whole family, and it all happens at Norfolk's Scope Exhibition Hall from noon to 7 p.m. on Oct. 10 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 11 and 12.

The show benefits Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters and other local charities.

Attendees may try out the newest food, general merchandise, health and beauty care and pharmaceutical products from over 200 vendor displays and receive some of the more than $1 million in manufacturer coupons to be given away.

Additionally, many favorite television stars will be on hand to greet fans and sign autographs.

Admission to the extravaganza is $ 5 for adults ($3 with a discount coupon available at all Farm Fresh and Rack 'n Sack supermarkets) and $ 2 for children under 12 ($1 with discount coupon). Children under 1 are admitted free.

Over the last 10 years, Farm Fresh has contributed more than $ 1 million to Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, Virginia's only free-standing hospital exclusively for children and the regional pediatric referral center for Hampton Roads, the Eastern Shore of Virginia and northeastern North Carolina.

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Beanie Babies Show and Sale set for Oct. 18 - 19

The Virginia Beanie Babies Show and Sale will be held on Oct. 18-19 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Daily general admission costs are adults $1, with registration for a free giveaway, 12 and under free.

The Virginia Beanie Babies Show and Sale will feature thousands of the hottest collectible in the market today. There will be everything from the current releases to those very rare and hard to find retired pieces.

Review committee on school building needs is appointed

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Two former superintendents of school are on the five-member Independent Review Committee established on Sept. 2 by city council to analyze both the cost and scope of renovation/re-construction projects for the schools.

The review committee, said Mayor Meyera Oberndorf after its unanimous appointment by council Tuesday, is not a committee to prepare for a referendum.

The two former superintendents are E.E. Brickell, who served 18 years as superintendent of schools for Virginia Beach before his retirement in 1986 and will chair the committee, and Dr. C. Frei Bateman, who served as superintendent of schools for Chesapeake from 1980 to 1995.

Other members are the Rev. E. Ray Cox, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Robert W. Lyons, executive director of the Builders and Contractors Exchange, and Dr. Elaine Witty of Norfolk State University.

Brickell is now president of the Eastern Virginia Medical School, and Bateman is distinguished educator in resident at the School of Education at Old Dominion University. He teaches some classes and trains people interested in becoming superintendents. Bateman also serves as a consultant.

Council recently deferred action on a $63.5 million school modernization referendum which had been proposed by school officials for the Nov. 5 ballot.

At the time council decided to study total school needs, the costs and how to finance projects.The initial program would have involved the additions or reconstruction of nine schools. However, the city and school staffs concluded that a continuing program of improvement would cover 24 schools at a cost approaching $200 million and a possible tax impact of eight cents.

Beyond that the program would have to be continued to other schools as they aged.

The first 24 schools were expected to be completed in 12 years in four-year increments.

City council wanted more time to study the total picture and the school system essentially agreed to the year's deferral.

Since the school board first took its referendum request to city council, the issue has been clouded further by the Navy's announcement of changes in flight patterns at Oceana Naval Air Station which change the danger and sound zones surrounding the base. The city already has built two new schools to replace two that had been in the danger zones of the old study and has found that two new schools may now be in the danger zones.

Pumpkin pickings look plentiful

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Meanwhile, he'll have collards for sale as soon as the frost strikes "because collards need frost to make them tender." Later, he'll also be selling fresh-cut Christmas trees.

Butterbeans and corn suffered this summer from dry weather, but that weather may have contributed to a bumper crop of hot peppers, according to Juanita Swoopes. She and her husband, Dave, still have plenty of hot and sweet peppers and some tomatoes at their Gum Bridge Road farm.

"We had a bumper crop of hot peppers," Juanita said. "I even canned some of the hot banana peppers and they really turned out good."

The Swoops also have turnip greens, kale, and scuppernong grapes, a large, thick-skinned grape with a taste similar to Concords. The scuppernongs, which grow in a bronze and a purple variety are native to this area "and the purple ones look a little like the wild Fox grapes," Juanita said. They're also still picking figs although "the cool nights have slowed them down, and the ones we're getting now aren't as good for eating. They're good for canning."

This summer's drought isn't over yet, Cromwell and Henley said, and while recent rains helped the fall crops, there's still a need for more.

"The fall crops are looking good if you have irrigation," Cromwell said. "The rain helped, but it came too late for getting the crops started."

Still, Henley added,a long and productive strawberry season this spring helped compensate for later crop damage, "and it turned out to be an average year.

There was some harm done by the dry weather, but then there's always some harm done by something. And the strawberries helped make up for whatever else was hurt."

The big question now is when the first frost will strike. Typically frost doesn't strike in this area until November, but local folklore holds that if there is a premature cold snap it will arrive with the October full moon.

Cromwell and Henley say that it's as impossible to predict frost as it is to predict a hurricane, but they add that full moons and abrupt weather changes do go hand in hand.

"If I knew when the first frost would be I'd be a millionaire," Cromwell said. "I don't believe in that full moon theory,but you usually do get a weather change on the full moon. And the way the weather's been in the last two years, I don't know."

"I'm not a believer in that moon stuff as far as planting is concerned," agreed Henley, "but that (the belief that frost strikes under a full moon) is awfully accurate. It's especially accurate with the spring cold."

Last fall, an early cold snap brought an October frost and several freezes in November, but generally frost this time of year is too light to do much real damage to the hardy fall vegetables. "The fall crops will stay until it's down to about 20 degrees," Cromwell said.

"We did have frost in October last year," Henley said, "but it wasn't a bad one. There was one year, about five or six years ago, when there was a frost in late October that discolored the pumpkins."

The likelihood of that happening again this year isn't great, though, and one thing is almost certain.

Whether or not the October cold snap results in a frost, the weather will almost surely warm back up again after the full moon. And although it usually cools off later in November, it wouldn't be too unusual to have yet another bout of Indian summer weather after Thanksgiving, according to Cromwell.

"It warms up in late October, and a lot of times the first 10 days of December are warm," he said.



TAKING A LOAD OFF. Jeff Henley finds a comfortable perch on a plump pumpkin after taking children on a hayride through the fields at Henley's Farm.

Art Center new program is a 'FEAT' for children

The new program FEAT (Families Exploring Art Together) for children kicks off this month at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia:

■ "Ask Einstein!", Saturday, Oct. 25 with 20 minute sessions at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Yes, physics can be "phun" . . . just ask Einstein! In three lively sessions, the center's local "Einstein" (Dr. David Wright) will involve kids and families in all kinds of intriguing experiments and demonstrations that reveal some of the secrets of physical science used by the artists in the exhibition "Forces" in ways children can enjoy and understand. Wright is chairman of the Physics Department at Tidewater community College. This college "prof" has taken his tricks to television appearing on Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee, as well as Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Space is limited. Reservations are required by calling 425-0000.

■ "Move It!" Saturday, Oct. 18, 2-2:30 p.m., ages 5-7 and 8-10. Two professional dancers — choreographers from Second Wind Dance Company will teach students about creative movement by exploring kinetic artwork in the exhibition "Forces." Electronic rain, strobe lights, holograms, bubbles, magnetics, video and more will serve as inspiration. Both age groups will work simultaneously with one of the dancers in different sections of the gallery. Space is limited. Reservations are required by calling 425-0000.

City seeks assurance that Sandbridge replenishments will stay within budget

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The city is seeking assurance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) that the cost of the beach nourishment project at Sandbridge will not go beyond the $8.1 million budgeted for the project.

City Council Tuesday adopted an ordinance which updates a draft dated Sept. 11 authorizing the city manager to execute a project cooperation agreement (PCA) with COE. A cost containment measure has been added to the Sept. 11 draft to limit the cost to $8.1 million.

The project, a city-funded, federally-sponsored emergency beach nourishment project at Sandbridge, is a one-time, stop-gap measure to allow the city time to continue its efforts to obtain federal assistance.

The city has been trying for more than 15 years to secure federal participation in a sand replenishment program. Federal participation was authorized by Congress in 1992 but a federal appropriation has not been made.

Local funding for the project will come from all of the collected revenue to date in the Sandbridge Special Service district ($1.208 million), $2.8 million in reimbursement from the Commonwealth of the purchase price for the Camp Pendleton land sale and $4.1 million from the general fund balance. Federal participation is needed to satisfy the long-term replenishment needs of the beach.

The 1986 Water Resources Development Act established a cost-sharing formulas for Corps sponsored beach nourishment projects at 65 percent federal and 35 percent local.

Federal approval of the project is predicated on the dedication of the beach as a public beach. Most of the property rights have been acquired from the beachfront property owners.

Upcoming Events

Arts

The Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m., in the boardroom of the Virginia Marine Science Museum, 717 General Booth Blvd. For more information, contact Jim DeBellis, 437-4949.

Clubs

Single Parents of Virginia Beach holds orientation for prospective new members on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Andrews United Methodist Church, 717 Tucson Rd. For more information, call 498-2666.

The Adam Thoroughgood Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Oct. 18 at 10:30 a.m. for luncheon at the Cypress Point Country Club. For more information, call Jo Ann Mathias, 437-9131.

The Cape Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Thursday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. at The Max, 425 Water St. in Portsmouth. For more information, call 489-3590.

The Virginia Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the north dining room of Sentara Bayside Hospital on Independence Blvd. Marcy Sims, director of the Virginia Beach Public Libraries, will speak on the future needs of the city's library system. Potential members who are graduates of four year colleges or universities or are currently enrolled as full time undergraduate students are invited to attend. Call 467-2270 for information.

The Hampton Roads Internet Association will meet Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library to discuss "Welcome BBB Online," a presentation by the new, regional Better Business Bureau website. Find out how to submit complaints or research businesses in Hampton Roads. They will also have a Q&A "Getting Online" session at 6:30 p.m. Call 437-4302 for more information.

Education

Parkway Elementary School's PTA will sponsor its annual "Bingo Night" in the school cafetorium on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. A short PTA meeting will be held before the bingo begins. Prizes for the winners have been donated by Lillian Vernon.

The Windsor Woods Elementary School PTA will host a bingo/pizza night on Oct. 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This night of family entertainment will feature patriotic songs performed by the fifth grade chorus. The entire school is participating in Kids Voting Virginia, a program designed to involve students in the voting process and promote civic responsibility.

White Oaks Elementary School will be holding its annual Columbus Day Family Picnic on Monday, Oct. 13 on the school's front lawn from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in the classrooms. For more information, contact Shelley Deneau, 474-8455.

Health

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Breast-feeding class on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9-11 a.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 7-9 p.m. in the hospital. A certified lactation consultant will teach the classes. A fee is charged. For more information and to register, call the AtHome Care Maternal/Child Program, 467-4037.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will offer a Newborn Care class on Monday, Oct 20 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the hospital. The class is designed to assist parents in taking care of their new arrivals. The class covers bathing, feeding, infant safety, safe sleeping positions and doctors' visits.

Recreation

Single Parents of Virginia will hold an open dance on Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Executive Inn on South Military Hwy. in Virginia Beach from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Cost is $5 for members and $7 for non-members. For more information, call 498-2666.

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DAR chapters honor special day, ladies

By Lil Youell
Club Correspondent

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), founded on Oct. 11, 1890, will celebrate its founding when the Borough of Norfolk, Lynnhaven Parish, Old Donation and Princess Anne County chapters gather at 10:30 a.m., Saturday at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

Arrangements for this special meeting were made by Mrs. Richard L. Lowe, regent of the Old Donation Chapter, who will preside. She will honor Olive McKay Fraser, a member of her chapter, who just celebrated her own 100th birthday.

Mrs. Terry H. Davis, Jr., vice regent, Virginia DAR, will present three 50-year certificates to two sisters who are both members of Old Donation Chapter — Mrs. William F. Edwards and Mrs. John Marshall Haines and Betty Tipton Edwards, member of the Princess Anne County Chapter.

Representatives from each of the four chapters will take part in the program. The highlight will be a showing of the video, "Portrait of a Daughter." This 30-minute film details the history of the National Society and was produced by the NSDAR Centennial Jubilee Committee.

It has been awarded a bronze CINDY by the Association of Visual Communicators. It has also received Honorable Mention at the Columbus (Ohio) Film Festival; a Sliver Piaque from the Chicago International Film Festival; and Finalist Status in the New York International Film Festival.

For information about the National Society DAR, call Mary Lee Lowe, 423-8521.

Refuge closes dike trail to hikers Nov. 1

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge will close its interior dike trail to hikers and bikers on Nov. 1. The interior dike trail, leading through the refuge to neighboring False Cape State Park, will reopen April 1.

The annual dike trail closure is necessary to provide undisturbed habitat for migratory birds as they feed and rest during the winter months.

The entire four miles of refuge beach, as well as the Seaside, Bay and Dune trails, (all located near the Visitor Contact Station) will remain open to the public for wildlife-oriented activities from sunrise to sunset. Wildlife-oriented activities include surf fishing, shell collecting, photography and wildlife observation. Walking and biking access to False Cape State Park will continue along the beach front.

The Contact Station will maintain its regular operating schedule (Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) through November. The Contact Station will be closed on Saturdays from December through March.

Back Bay Refuge and False Cape State Park staff will coordinate limited joint bus tours for senior citizens and other visitors during the dike trail closure. False Cape State Park officials will coordinate transportation access for educational and other authorized group visits to the False Cape State Park.

For more information call 721-2412.

Museum plans creepy, crawly night experience

The Virginia Marine Science Museum is hosting Creepy Crawlies and Bumps in the Night, a mini camp celebrating the creepier creatures of the habitat.

Created and designed for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade, the one-day camp will focus on learning about and dispelling common myths regarding Virginia's creepier inhabitants including spiders, skunks, reptiles, slugs and worms.

Led by experienced staff, the camp includes hands-on activities and crafts. Registration is required and can be made by calling 437-6007. The cost of the mini camp is $10 for museum members and $15 for non-members. Children are to bring a lunch and drink. The mini camp is located in the main museum building.

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Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 28, 1997 at 6:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of CH & B Associates L.L.P., The Caplan Family Trust, The Fleder Family Trust, and Kyrus Family L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the west side of Windsor Oaks Boulevard beginning at a point 330 feet more or less south of Holland Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 30,492 square feet. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of C & C Development, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Newtown Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business/research center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.04 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Kempsville Church of God for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road. Said parcel is located at 4422 Princess Anne Road and contains 4.9147 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Ibolya Schwab for a Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation (family day care) on Lot 44, Block B, Windsor Oaks West, Section 1, Part 2. Said parcel is located at 617 N. Piping Rock Road and contains 9807 square feet more or less. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Woodstock Point Assoc., LLC, for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock on certain property located at the northern extremity of Woodstock Road. Said parcel contains 5.57 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Baptist Extension Board, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located at the southwest corner of Independence Boulevard and Round Hill Drive. Said parcel contains 6.239 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

PUNGO BOROUGH:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Bethel Christian Fellowship for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition on the north side of Indian River Road, west of New Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 1814 Indian River Road and contains 1.02 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:

8. Ordinance to amend Sections 111, 401 and 501 of the City Zoning Ordinance and to add Section 507 by allowing flex suites in all single-family residential zoning districts and providing safeguards for their use.

9. Ordinance to amend Sections 901 and 1001 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to use regulations for eating and drinking establishments.

10. Ordinance to amend Section 410 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to dwelling units in livestock barns in Agricultural Zoning Districts.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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2t10-17

Public Notice

Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Christopher Michael Beasley
Order of Publication

The object of this suit is to obtain the adoption of Christopher Michael Beasley by Eric Jason Cartwright and Sandra Louise Cartwright, husband and wife and based on an affidavit filed herein, the Court finds that there exist sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Jason Matthew Easterling, whose last known address is unknown, appear at the above-named Court and protect his interests on or before November 5, 1997.

Date: 10-6-97
Yvette Pierce DC Clerk

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4t10-31

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE
IN RE:
JESSICA D. HILL, Plaintiff v.
MICHAEL SEAN NANCE, Defendant
CASE NO. CH97-3245
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce and determination of related matters.

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL SEAN NANCE appear and protect his interest, on or before December 5, 1997, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in THE VIRGINIA BEACH SUN, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: Sept. 26, 1997
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Bili Maull, Deputy Clerk

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4t10-31

Public Notice

Virginia:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff v.
$2,350.00 US Currency (Brown), CL94-3993
$1,327.00 US Currency (White) CL94-4052
$986.00 US Currency (Myles) CL95-926
$1,063.00 US Currency (Galloway) CL95-1409
$3,000.00 US Currency (Berrill/Arterberry/Baldwin) CL96-1309
$11,500.00 US Currency (Zellner) CL97-309
$58,460.00 US Currency (Lewis) CL97-1490, Defendants
Order of
Publication And Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME the Attorney for the Commonwealth and moved this Honorable Court to forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia the above reference items that were seized between November 23, 1994, and April 23, 1997.

AN Information was made, signed and filed with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office on each of the above matters. Said information stated the owner(s) of the property and the last known address(es) of the owner(s) at the time the Information was filed.

It appearing that the whereabouts of the owners is currently unknown, and that a registered letter has been mailed to their last known addresses, it is hereby ORDERED, that all parties appear on or before October 29, 1997, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said property.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19.2-386.3(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach.

ENTER this 8 day of September, 1997.

Edward W. Hanson, Judge

Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.
By Barbara Munden, Deputy Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS:
Deborah M. Paxson
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney
Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney
2305 Judicial Boulevard
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-9050

I, Deborah M. Paxson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, after having first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That pursuant to Section 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the above listed parties.

Deborah M. Paxson, Affiant
COMMONWEALTH
CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to-wit:

I, Jaye Lee A. Cullen, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that foregoing Affidavit of Deborah M. Paxson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, was sworn to and subscribes to before me this 5th day of September, 1997.

Jay Lee A. Cullen, Notary Public
My Commission Expires 6/30/00

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Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARING
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Virginia Beach City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the Comprehensive Plan Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chamber. The purpose of this Hearing will be to obtain public input on the draft Comprehensive Plan that, when adopted, will serve as the City's "official planning policy document."

Copies of the Comprehensive Plan may be reviewed at any of the City's public libraries and it is also available in the Department of Planning which is located on the first floor of the Operations Building (Building #2) in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. The Planning Department telephone number is 757/427-4621.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
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Public Notice

Auction: 1987 MERCURY COLONY PARK/BEIGE
Serial Number: 2MEBM79-F7HX613760
Auction Date: 10/23/97
Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater Accept. Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy., Norfolk, VA. 23518.

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Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia Beach City Council, at its Formal Session Tuesday, October 28, 1997, 6:00 PM, will hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider the following Ordinance to amend the City Code, as it pertains to ELECTION DISTRICTS and VOTING PLACES within the City:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA:

That Section 10-1 of the Code of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is hereby amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1. Establishment of ~~election districts~~ precincts and ~~voting~~ polling places.

There are hereby established in the city the following ~~election districts~~ precincts and their respective ~~voting~~ polling places as set forth below:

~~Election District~~ Precinct	~~Voting~~ Polling Place
Alanton	Alanton Elementary School
Aragona	Bayside Middle School Grade 6
Arrowhead	Arrowhead Elementary School
Baker	Heritage United Methodist Church
Bayside	Bayside Elementary School
Bellamy	Indian Lakes Elementary School
Blackwater	Blackwater Fire Station
Bonney	Center for Effective Learning
Brandon	Brandon Middle School
Cape Henry	Research and Enlightenment Building (Edgar Cayce Library)
Cappe Shop	P.A. Mosquito Control Building
Centerville	Centerville Elementary School
Chesapeake Beach	Bayside Baptist Church
College Park	College Park Elementary School
Colonial	Colonial Baptist Church
Courthouse	Courthouse Fire Station
Creeds	Creeds Fire Station
Culver	Ocean Lakes High School
Davis Corner	Bettie F. Williams Elementary School
Eastern Shore	Eastern Shore Chapel
Fairfield	Fairfield Elementary School
Forest	King's Grant Elementary School
Glenwood	Glenwood Elementary School
Great Neck	Francis Asbury United Methodist Church
Green Run	Green Run Elementary School
Hilltop	Good Shepheard Lutheran Church
Holland	Holland Elementary School
Homestead	Providence Presbyterian Church
Hunt	Princess Anne Recreation Center
Kings Grant	St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Kingston	Kingston Elementary School
Lake Smith	~~Shelton Park Elementary School~~ Bayside Church of Christ
Landstown	Landstown Community Church
Larkspur	St. Andrews United Methodist Church
Linkhorn	~~The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd~~ Virginia Beach Community Chapel
Little Neck	St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
London Bridge	London Bridge Baptist Church
Lynnhaven	Grace Bible Church
Magic Hollow	Roma Lodge No. 254
Malibu	Malibu Elementary School
Meadows	Pembroke Meadows Elementary School
Mt. Trashmore	Windsor Woods Elementary School
North Beach	Galilee Episcopal Church
Ocean Lakes	Ocean Lakes Elementary School
Ocean Park	Bayside Christian Church
Oceana	Scott Memorial United Methodist Church
Old Donation	Old Donation Center for Gifted
Pembroke	Pembroke Elementary School
Plaza	Lynnhaven Elementary School
Point O'View	~~Point O'View Elementary School~~ Kempsville Church of Christ
Providence	Kempsville Recreation Center
Red Wing	Fire Training Center
Rosemont Forest	Rosemont Forest Elementary School
Salem	Salem Baptist Church
Seatack	Seatack Elementary School
Shannon	Church of the Ascension
Shell	Unity Church of Tidewater
Sherry Park	St. Matthews Catholic Church
Sigma	~~Tabernacle United Methodist Church~~ St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
South Beach	Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Building
Stratford Chase	Providence Elementary School
Strawbridge	Strawbridge Elementary School
Thalia	Thalia Elementary School
Thoroughgood	Indpendence Middle School
Timberlake	White Oaks Elementary School
Trantwood	Virginia Beach Christian Church
Windsor Oaks	Windsor Oaks Elementary School
Witchduck	Bayside Presbyterian Church
Wolfsnare	~~Eastern Shore Chapel~~ Church of the Redeemer
Woodstock	Avalon Church of Christ
Central Absentee Voter	Agriculture/Voter Registrar
~~Election District~~ Precinct	Building

These changes will become effective following their approval by the United States Department of Justice pursuant to the Voting Rights of 1965, as amended.

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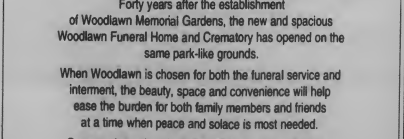
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Volunteers' dividends are cleaner, greener streets

It pays to be clean and green.

More than 150 Virginia Beach citizens who have some environmental connection were guests of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission at the "Environmental Service Annual Meeting and Recognition Breakfast held recently at Galilee Episcopal Church. Awards were made to those who had made unusual contributions to the protection of the environment over the past year.

The keynote address was presented by Rear Adm. R. Timothy Ziemer, commander of Naval Base Norfolk, who has cognizance over environmental matters for all Naval bases in South Hampton Roads. He pointed out the many programs the Navy is involved in to protect the environment.

Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf presented the awards as they were named by vice chairman of the Clean Community Commission Daniel A. Baxter and chairman Maurice B. Jackson.

There were 22 organizations and individuals who received Certificates of Commendation for having made six to eight cleanups and contributed more than 150 hours each over the past fiscal year through the Adopt-A-Program. Certificates of Distinction for nine or more cleanups and 250 hours contributed were presented to six Virginia Beach organizations.

Awards were made to six Clean Community Sponsors for having made exceptional contributions to Clean Community programs aimed at preserving the beauty and cleanliness of Virginia Beach. They were Galilee Episcopal Church, Lynnhaven Dive Center, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Naval Air Station Oceana, Red Lobster on Independence Boulevard, and Wild River Outfitters.

Awards of Merit went to the following individuals for their contributions to the preservation of the local environment: Lee Bandy, Willie and Lesa Archie-Barnes, Lee Benz, Sheldon Corner, Jack Eady, Les Fenlon, Karen and John Kilday, Terri Mosteller, Cam Neimeyer, Sylvia and Bill Pierce, RADM Thomas Ward, Jim Willenbrink and Catherine Zielske.

Awards of Excellence went to individuals who have shown a level of commitment that went beyond normal expectations. They usually were involved in more than one project and showed a definite commitment to the environment as a whole.

They were the Billeter family, Carl Fisher, Clint Kelley, Anne Mannarino, Barbara Mastic, John and Eileen Moore, Kathleen Reed and Paul Wood.

The Virginia Beach Annual Environmental Hall of Fame Award was presented to Eleanor Kelley for her dedication to the Clean Community Commission projects: Adopt-A-Programs, Clean the Bay Day, Earth Day, Stormdrain Stenciling, Environmental Awareness Month, etc.

She is secretary of the Clean Community Commission. A plaque with her name engraved on it along with those of prior recipients of the award— Robert Dean, Dan Baxter, and Maurice Jackson — hangs in the main foyer of the City Hall.

Dignitaries present for the event were: Bob Purkey, General Assembly delegate from the 83rd District; Robert McDonnell, General Assembly delegate from the 84th District; City Councilpersons Nancy Parker and Louisa Strayhorn; City Manager Jim Spore; Oral Lambert, chief of staff to the city manager; Eddie Barnes, administrator of the Landscape Services Division; and, Wade Kyle, administrator of the Waste Management Division.

Eleanor Marshall accompanied the singing of "America the Beautiful" and the Rev. Bill Ralph of Level Green Baptist Church delivered the invocation for the event. Jackson was master of ceremonies.

At the conclusion of the entire event he presented an invoice to Oberndorf for $1,008,373, which represented the dollar value of Clean Community volunteers' service for the past five years. It was marked "Paid in Full."



HARD WORK PAID OFF. Virginia Beach wouldn't be a clean community if it weren't for efforts of citizens like these who volunteer their time and energies to keep the resort city beautiful.



WAY TO GO! The Rev. Bill Ralph receives the Adopt-A-Spot Certificate of Distinction for Level Green Civic League's clean-up efforts.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER. Rear Adm. R. Timothy Ziemer, commander of Naval Base Norfolk, was featured speaker at the Clean Community Environmental Service Annual Meeting and Recognition Breakfast. He holds up an item made of recycled plastic.

Davies named director of freedom center

Dr. Gordon K. Davies has been named director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College.

Davies, who served for 20 years as director of the Council of Higher Education for Virginia, begins his duties this month at Virginia Wesleyan. During the 1997-98 academic year, he will work with President Greer and the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Center.

He currently is visiting professor of higher education at the Teachers College of Columbia University in New York. Next year, with the beginning of 1998-99 academic year, Davies will be at Virginia Wesleyan full time as professor of humanities and director of the center.

His tenure with Virginia's Council of Higher Education began in 1973 with his appointment as associate director.

In 1977, he was promoted to the position of director of the council, the coordinating body for 19 public and 42 private colleges and universities, which include some of the nation's finest institutions in the 10th largest system in the United States. These institutions enroll about 300,000 students and have a total annual budget of more than $1.5 billion.

Davies was the principal architect of numerous initiatives in Virginia that have drawn national attention. He was a member of Virginia's Commission on the University of the 21st Century in 1988-89 and primary author of its influential report, which set an ambitious agenda for change.

Davies led Virginia higher education to a system-wide restructuring aimed at providing access for more students, increasing the quality of institutions and programs, and reducing the costs of higher education.

Davis' degrees, all from Yale University, are in English and the Philosophy of Religion. Before coming to the Virginia Council, he participated as a dean in founding Stockton State College in New Jersey.

— *Home Improvement* —

Fall is the time to winterize deck

Did the summer months take a toll on your deck? Is the wood looking gray and dingy or stained with mildew?

If so, now is the time to clean, restore and renew the wood and apply a water repellent finish to protect from moisture damage during the cold, wet winter months.

With a little elbow grease and the help of a commercial deck cleaning product, you can easily restore the wood's original honey-tone appearance and prepare the surface for a new coat of water repellent, preservative or stain.

A deck and siding brightener is an economical powder concentrate that mixes with water and is sprayed, mopped or brushed on the wood. After letting the solution sit wet on the wood for three to five minutes, brush the surface with a stiff brush or broom, then rinse with water through a garden hose or pressure-washer.

The finish should also contain mildewicides to prevent mildew growth.

The brightener will lift, loosen and remove ground-in dirt and sun-damaged wood fibers on the surface. It also removes stains from mildew. The product comes in two formulas — one for pressure-treated wood, the other for cedar and redwood.

The cedar/redwood formula also removes black tannin stains. Both formulas are safe to use around grass, most plants and shrubs since they don't contain acid or chlorine bleach. For stubborn stains from algae and moss you may need to spot-scrub with a bleach and water solution prior to applying the deck cleaner. Don't use chlorine bleach or a chlorine bleach-based cleaner on the whole deck though, as chlorine bleach can interfere with the adhesion and long-term performance of subsequently applied finishes, making the wood more prone to moisture damage and leading to quicker fading or "graying-out." Chlorine bleach also leaves wood with an artificial "lightened" appearance.

For removing worn or unwanted finishes, use a product that removes old sealers, varnishes, paints, stains and finishes, without the need for prior sanding. Use a strip product that works on both oil-base and latex coatings, whereas other strippings solutions are designed specifically for one or the other.

To maintain and protect your newly-cleaned or stripped deck, apply a water-repellent finish to prevent the wood from splitting, warping and splintering. Use products that are guaranteed to protect wood decks from moisture damage for a minimum of two years. The finish should also contain mildewicides to prevent mildew growth. Finishes designed for wood are best, as most all-purpose sealers designed to go on a variety of surfaces — like wood and concrete — do not contain mildewicides.

Other things you can do to prevent damage during the harsh winter months include placing planters on risers or wheels instead of directly on the deck to prevent stains, putting rubber protectors on the bottom of metal furniture to prevent rust spots and scratches, and making sure gutters drain properly so water doesn't flow directly on to the deck.



ALL DECKED OUT. Clean the surface with a wood brightener or strip away old stains, then apply a water-repellent finish to protect from moisture damage during the harsh, wet winter months.

Groundwater protection begins at home

One of the key ingredients of the American way of life — one that's often taken for granted — is an abundance of fresh water.

At current usage levels, U.S. ground water resources alone could supply Americans' needs for the next 400 years.

But experts at the National Rural Water Association say ground water is a delicate resource and needs to be protected and respected.

Through the proper use and disposal of household chemicals, consumers can protect the environment and help ensure a safe water supply for future generations.

- Use only as directed — twice as much does not mean twice the results.
- Keep unused products in their original containers. Use them up completely or share with a friend. Buy only what you need.
- Never pour leftover products down the sink or toilet; don't dump them on the ground.
- Wrap empty containers with newspaper and place them in the trash.
- Allow solvents, thinners, paints and other liquids to evaporate in safe, outdoor locations, while keeping them away from children and pets.
- Before putting liquids and paints into the garbage, pour them into containers with kitty litter, dirt or sawdust to absorb the liquids.

By following these simple household tips, Americans can do their fair share in the effort to protect ground water resources.

Local water professionals work hard testing, filtering and treating water, keeping it safe and providing consumers with quality water, according to the association.

Consumers should also do their part at home so they can continue the tradition of the best quality water in the world.

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Ghoul Gala

Tricks, treats, prizes and surprises will all be a part of this year's Ghoul Gala sponsored by the Union of Hands Circle to benefit the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Fort Story Club in Virginia Beach. The Blend, a local favorite, will provide top 40 music throughout the evening. The Boris Badinage Improvisational Troupe will amaze revelers with magic and fortune telling. Tickets are $15 at the door, or two for $25 if purchased in advance. Advance purchase tickets are available at The Downtown Athletic Club, NYFO, Ocean Front Inn and Colonial Farm Credit. For more information, call the Norfolk City Union, 668-7098.

Gator Run

Glenwood Elementary School will hold its annual Gator Run on Sunday, Oct. 26. This Tidewater Striders Youth Grande Prix event will begin at 2 p.m. with the one-mile run/walk, followed by the 5K will begin at 3 p.m. Pre-registration will be held through Oct. 20, and forms can be picked up at the school. There will be race day registration and packet pick-up starting at 1 p.m. Entry fees are $8 per individual for the one-mile run ($11 on the day of the race) and $12 for the 5K run ($15 on the day of the race). Make checks payable to Glenwood Elementary PTA. T-shirts will be provided to all participants. There will be metals in each category and prize drawings from area businesses. For more information, call Glenwood Elementary School, 471-5858.

Prepaid learning

Virginia Beach residents will have an opportunity to learn first-hand how to save money on college tuition and mandatory fees through the Virginia Prepaid Education Program by attending a public meeting on Monday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Larkspur Middle School, 4696 Princess Anne Road.

VPEP enables parents, grandparents and others to prepay college tuition and mandatory fees at community colleges, four-year universities or a combination of the two. The program is open to children in the ninth grade or younger if the child or the purchaser is a resident of Virginia.

The deadline for VPEP's 1997 enrollment is Dec. 15. For more information, call 1-888-567-0540.

Heart healthy

Step out and join the fight against heart disease and stroke at the 1997 American Heart Walk Sunday, Oct. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Mount Trashmore in Virginia Beach. More than 3,000 walkers of all ages are expected to participate in this non-competitive three mile walk. Heart disease and stroke survivors will be honored with special red caps to show they are fighting back against these deadly diseases. For more information or to register to walk, contact the American Heart Association, 671-8636.

Caregivers gather

The Third Annual Fall Festival for Family Caregivers will be held Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, 312 Kempsville Rd. The program includes two case studies for families caring for either functionally dependent individuals or those with memory loss. Issues will focus on accessing both external and inner resources to assist with in-home caregiving. A $5 fee for family caregivers, $10 for professionals will cover lunch and materials. For reservations forms or information, contact Nancy Allan, 456-2700.

Future builders

Construction technology classes at Bayside High School will be building sheds this year. Orders can be placed immediately. The charge for the cost of materials plus $12.50 per square foot. The building will take place in May and will be delivered in June. Call 464-2033 for more information.

Fright Night

Looking for a safe alternative to trick or treating that is fun, fun, fun? Visit Centerville Elementary School's Fright Night on Oct. 25 from 5-9 p.m. The school will be transformed into an early 1900s setting by PTA and staff volunteers, and Tallwood High School Art Club members. Visit Centerville Town Square for trick-or-treating and take a walk through the haunted house. Drama Club members from Tallwood High School and PTA volunteers will be dressed as characters that are trying to solve the mystery of the missing mayor of Centerville.

$23 million technical center looks to council for funding

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council has been asked to support the concept of a $23 million technical center jointly operated by Tidewater Community College and the Virginia Beach Public Schools which would have the city paying $13 million of the cost.

At a work session, where the concept for the center was described by representatives of a steering committee on the center, council decided to schedule the item for the Oct. 28 council agenda but expressed concern about approving something without identifying the source of funding.

Under cost proposals presented by Anthony Arnold, facilities, planning and construction director for the public schools, the 137,193-square-foot building would cost $22,956,330 with the state coming up with $10 million and the city providing $1,850,000 in site improvements, as well as the city and school board contributing $11,106,330 to the design and construction costs.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Timothy R. Jenney said that the operating costs would amount to about a half million dollars for both the TCC and public school programs. Specifically, it would cost $175,000 a year to operate the school, $10,000 for routine maintenance, $90,000 for custodians and five additional staff members at a cost of $200,000.

He said that plans are to combine the Career Development Center on North Witchduck Road with the Technical and Career Education Center on North Landing Road where vocational/technical education programs would be retained. The new center would concentrate on high tech programs.

E.T. "Joe" Buchanan, provost of the Virginia Beach campus of Tidewater Community College where the new building would be located, urged council to act quickly to give the college time to request the 1998 General Assembly to fund the project.

The steering committee has set the opening date for the project for September 2001.

School Board chairman Daniel J. Arris said that the board endorsed the concept last week. He said that the project has many hurdles to overcome but that the concept has unlimited possibilities.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that the concept is exciting, but that if the council has a resolution supporting the concept would it have to have the $13 million in hand.

City Manager James K. Spore said that the council would not need the cash in hand, but would issue a intent that it would do whatever necessary in the capital improvement budget to provide funding.

Councilman Linwood Branch asked what Norfolk's contribution was to the $29 million downtown campus of Tidewater Community College.

Al L. Cecchini, director of facilities management and services for TCC, said that Norfolk provided $6.5 million of the cost for infrastructure and land.

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Court decision forces council to reverse vote on monopoles

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach City Council, prevented by a court order from exercising what it considers its duty and right, Tuesday reversed an earlier decision denying a church to use part of its property for the erection of communication monopoles.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr., in a statement following the vote, charged that "we in essence are being held hostage by the Federal Telecommunications Act."

Councilman Linwood Branch called the court's action a "travesty for democracy."

Even while casting a unanimous vote approving a use permit for the erection of the monopoles, council waited for word from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals that would grant the city a stay which would delay any action on the monopoles until an appeal is heard.

City Attorney Leslie Lilley had asked the court to approve the stay in time for Tuesday's council meeting, but no word had arrived by the vote or the end of the meeting a little after 3 p.m.

However, a condition was added to the application that if the U.S. District Court's decision is reversed or modified, approval of the application shall be null and void.

Lilley advised council to reconsider the application and vote as it did because to do otherwise would place council members under risk of contempt and even possible jail terms.

Last March 25, council unanimously denied an application of the Lynnhaven United Methodist Church for the use of its property at 1033 Little Neck Rd. to allow the use of its property to Primeco, Inc., a telecommunications provider, for the erection of monopoles. The church would receive compensation for the use of its land.

Residents in the Little Neck community objected, saying they did not need the additional service and that they did not want what they considered unsightly structures in their neighborhood.

Harrison, representative on council for the Lynnhaven Borough where the church is located, supported the residents and was supported by the rest of council in denying the application.

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Haunts, hayrides highlight howling Halloween season

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Something spooky is brewing in Virginia Beach this haunting season, and it's not the Witch of Pungo — though she could make an appearance, too.

A dose of Pungo pumpkins, museum monsters and creepy critters are all ready to help resort city residents usher in Halloween. Activities are designed to amuse, teach and maybe even scare the heartiest of souls.



Photos by Victoria Hecht

"HAY, STOP THAT!" Children of all ages can enjoy straw fights and other seasonal pleasures at Henley's Farm and other Pungo locations.

The perfect pumpkin is the key for some folks' seasonal enjoyment, and in Pungo the pickings are proving plentiful.

Already families are pulling into the lots at Henley's and Munden's farms ready to peruse the plump orange orbs. And while they're there young and old alike can take advantage of such fall delights as hayrides, straw fights and visiting "down on the farm."

The spooking night is still two weeks off, yet residents are coming out early for the best selection. Henley's Farm, a perennial Pungo favorite, was packed Sunday with church groups and families eager to pick among the thousands of Howden and Prizewinner pumpkin varieties on hand.

Proprietor Winky Henley reckons this year has been one of the best in years.

"We know we can't hardly grow a good pumpkin crop one year in five," he said, "and this is the best one we've had in four or five years."

Yield on the Charity Neck Road farm, while not the 15 tons per acre that a friend farming in Ohio boasted, was excellent."

Howdens, commonly known as the jack-o-lantern pumpkin, are going for 39 cents a pound, while the larger Prizewinners are fetching 20 cents a pound. Indian corn, gourds and other seasonal crops and decorative items are also available.

The main attraction, though, remains the hayride to the pumpkin patch, where Henley has consolidated about six acres into a manageable field from which to pick.

Rides are offered free from 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. School groups are also welcome at $3 per child.

The Sanders family of Kings Grant, making the most of their "family day" on Sunday, clamored aboard for a ride and came back toting enough pumpkins to fill a little red wagon.

"We're getting a jump on the neighborhood scarecrow-making Sunday next week," mom Cyndy explained as children Dustin and Jenna loaded up on dried cornstalks and other decorations. "This is just a lot of wholesome family fun."



ALL ABOARD! Few can resist the temptation of jumping on a hay wagon and trekking to the fields to pick a pumpkin.

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Beach co-hosts first Green Sea Fest

Weekend event highlights role of watersheds

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

When William Byrd surveyed the area now known as the Southern Watershed in 1728, he described the vast expanse of tall, green reeds before him as a "green sea."

Almost 250 years later conservationists are pushing to ensure that this natural resource remains a vital, viable part of the Hampton Roads ecosystem. They do that this weekend at the first Green Sea Festival.

The Southern Watershed area, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the Great Dismal Swamp on the west, is comprised of three primary watersheds — Back Bay, North Landing River and Northwest River.

The two cities that are home to these watersheds, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, are teaming up to host the festival Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Northwest River Park in Chesapeake. Next year the event will move to Virginia Beach's Munden Point Park.

The goal of Green Sea is to highlight and educate the public on the importance of conservation and its effects on the Southern Watershed area.

The area contains a wealth of natural and cultural resources unique to Hampton Roads. It boasts a variety of agricultural operations, a state park, two national wildlife refuges, the drinking water supply for Chesapeake, rural residential areas, and preservation areas held by the state and the Nature Conservancy.

The northern portion of the watershed is far more urban in character and includes Oceana Naval Air Station, suburban housing developments, commercial and institutional uses, and recreational facilities.

A grant from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Hampton Road Planning District Commission is making the event possible.

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WANT TO GO?

What: Green Sea Festival.
When: Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: Northwest River Park in Chesapeake.
Who: A joint effort of the cities of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake.
Why: To highlight and educate the public on the importance of conservation as it affects the Southern Watershed Area.
Cost: Admission and parking are free.
For more information: Call 481-6192. For directions, call Northwest River Park, 421-3145.

Commentary

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

When kisses aren't contracts

■ Every 15 seconds a woman is battered in the United States by her boyfriend, husband or live-in partner.

■ Ninety-five percent of domestic violence is directed at women.

■ There are at least 4 million reported incidents of domestic violence against women every year. Of these, 20 percent of aggravated assaults are within the home.

■ More than 53 percent of male abusers beat their children.

These statistics, compiled by the National Woman Abuse Prevention Project, aren't pretty, yet neither is the problem underlying them — domestic abuse.

Defined as a pattern of physical, verbal, sexual and/or emotional battering of one person by another, it robs the victim of self-esteem and creates a sense of hopelessness. It respects no race, gender or social class.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Across Hampton Roads organizations are united to bring attention to this "dirty little secret" of America's households. Yet understanding why a woman would tolerate repeated abuse is often puzzling.

The reasons women stay are as varied as the women themselves. They may feel that the violence is their fault, or that they have no place to go if they leave. Others accept violence in their relationship under the mistaken belief that this is just the way of life for them.

But it doesn't have to be, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month is the perfect time to make the change — or at least dispel myths about this nationwide dilemma.

Locally, Portsmouth will host a regional candlelight vigil against domestic violence at Portside Friday (today) at 7 p.m. Mayors from area cities will present their proclamations, survivors will speak, and victims will be remembered.

There are no easy answers, and still more questions, in this war on the homefront. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, take the time to learn what you can do to stop the violence. — V.E.H.

CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

Community empowerment

October is National Crime Prevention Month, and citizens across the country are being challenged to take action in driving crime from the streets. By taking an active role in preventing crime, citizens can actually do more to prevent illegal activities than the police and courts. By taking away the opportunity, the threat is lessened.

Law enforcement officials say there are three elements to the crime — opportunity, ability and desire. When someone removes one of the three, the crime can't occur. Having citizens become involved in crime prevention often removes the opportunity, resulting in a better environment for all. But it only works if residents take an active role.

This year's Crime Prevention Month theme is "The power of prevention: action makes the difference." It reflects the belief that when prevention becomes everyone's business, crime and fear no longer dominate people's lives. Experiences in our communities and across the country have demonstrated that grassroots, collaborative action works.

A prime example is the Neighborhood Watch program that empowers residents and joins together members of a neighborhood to help each other. By having an entire street active in crime prevention, criminals are forced to look elsewhere for the opportunities they need to commit crimes.

Locally, Hampton Roads can also boast of McGruff safe houses for children, as well as new and aggressive community policing efforts in Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. Even community cleanups represent people banding together to take back their streets.

The worst reaction to crime, violence and drugs is to recoil in fear and retreat into isolation. This month law enforcement agencies, schools and other organizations are attempting to increase awareness about crime prevention activities. Everyone can become involved in crime prevention, even if it only involves making one's home more secure.

The police alone cannot make the community safe and free from crime. They need help. Look around and ask, "Am I helping prevent crime?"



Campaign rhetoric ignores a vision

By James S. Harris

"The opportunists, thinks of me and today. The statesman thinks of us and tomorrow." - Dwight D. Eisenhower from a speech at Lafayette College, Nov. 1, 1946.

Political rhetoric would have you believe that there is no more important issue confronting Virginia this fall than the need for tax relief.

While the tax cut message may play well with some voters, it disregards a number of warning signs that suggest that what Virginia really needs is a healthy dose of investment. If these signs are ignored, the next generation of Virginians will pay a price far greater than the 50 cents a day in personal property tax the average citizen now contributes for local government services.

Would it surprise you to know that:

■ Virginia has a lower state/local tax burden than all but four other states?

■ Virginia hasn't raised its income tax rates since 1972?

■ Only five states have a lower sales tax than Virginia?

■ Virginia was one of only two states in the country that did not increase taxes during the recession of the early 1990s, opting instead to slash billions of dollars in spending?

■ If you compare total sate and local expenditures in Virginia to other states on the basis of personal income, only one state spends less on government than Virginia?

This is hardly a spendthrift state. Virginia has a long history of being tight-fisted and fiscally conservative. When times required it, however, Virginia's leaders have not shied away from investing in initiatives critical to the state's future prosperity.

For example, in 1966 the state increased its sales tax to launch the community college system. It's hard to imagine where the state would be today without this vital component of its higher education system.

In 1986, government and business leaders working together pushed for higher taxes to improve Virginia's transportation system. They understood that an important element of any economic development strategy is a reliable transportation network.

What is in our best interest? It depends on your vision of Virginia in the next millennium.

If we want our public schools to be among the best in the country, then tax cuts are not our first priority. School construction needs are crushing local governments in Virginia. Last year local governments spent $454 million on principal and interest to pay back money borrowed to build schools; the total amount of local government debt for schools stands at almost $4 billion.

The Department of Education estimates that 7,900 new classrooms will be needed across the state in the next five years. Local tax dollars will not be sufficient to handle this magnitude of new school construction and renovations. Virginia is one of only 11 states that contributes nothing for construction of public schools other than helping make low-interest loans available.

This long-standing state policy must be abandoned. If the state is willing to contribute 50 percent of the cost of building a jail, shouldn't it be willing to contribute a like amount for a school? Without adequate facilities, schools cannot accommodate the computer technology that universities and businesses require increasingly of their students and employees.

If we want our system of higher education to be one of the best in the country, then tax cuts are not our first priority. Forty-three states spend more on higher education than Virginia does based on expenditures per $1,000 of personal income.

College presidents argue that investments must be made to build and renovate facilities, improve technology and provide financial aid and tuition relief. Virginia's institutions of higher learning have always had a good reputation, but they require reinvestment to keep them competitive. High-technology businesses complain that there are not enough qualified graduates to fill jobs right here in Virginia.

If we want a transportation system that allows people to get to and from destinations safely in a reasonable amount of time, that allows companies to ship goods and materials efficiently and that minimizes damage done to the environment, then tax cuts are not our first priority.

A recent report of the Commission on the Future of Transportation in Virginia estimates the state needs to spend at least $40 billion more than had been projected previously to meet critical needs over the next 18 years.

I believe that we are at a crossroads in Virginia's history. We can squander our resources to provide a tax break in a low-tax state, or we can make the investments in education, transportation and public services that will secure our place in the future.

James S. Harris is president of the Virginia Municipal League.

His country road ended too soon

When a death occurs, feelings get jumbled up — denial, disbelief, anger, sadness. Rarely is one prepared to deal with this flood of emotions.

I know I wasn't when I walked into the office Monday and was greeted by the news that John Denver had been killed. When Princess Diana died, I wished that somehow this larger-than-life woman had slipped away to an island to escape the paparazzi, fabricating her own demise.



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

Of course, that wasn't the case. Nor was the death of John Denver. It hit me hard.

Those who know me well understand I have a special affinity for the man who took us on Rocky Mountain highs and made us feel the sunshine on our shoulders. To say he was my favorite singer would be putting it lightly. I adored him, perhaps bordering on a grown-up crush.

It started when I was just a tiny girl in the '70s watching his frequent appearances on "The Muppet Show" when he was enjoying a fruitful, lucrative career. Heck, I even own a cassette of the Muppets singing Christmas carols with Denver.

My fascination grew with him, as he traded in his round spectacles for contact lenses and his mophead for a mannish cut. To me he was handsome in an Iowa farm boy sort of way.

In college, when I took a six-week cross country camping trip with five girls to study the geology of the United States, we played basically two performers on the tape deck — John Denver and Hank Williams Jr.

John seemed the most fitting, since we setting out to discover nature's glory and that what he glorified the most. We wore out those tapes listening to his ballads, foot stompers and love songs.

While we climbed through the Rocky Mountains in our van, I dreamed of visiting his ranch in Aspen. When we whitewater rafted on the Snake River, I thought about his beloved West Virginia, where whitewater rules.

Of course, I owned practically every recording he ever made, his autobiography and other memorabilia.

I attended two John Denver concerts, one at Busch Gardens while in college and the second at the Richmond amphitheater when I was a rookie reporter. Both were magical experiences, but particularly the July 4th performance at Busch Gardens on a starry night.

Back then audience members could get as close to the stage as they wanted — and I did. I planted myself at the foot of the stage, literally at John's feet (which I could have touched if I wanted, though I know security probably would have hauled me off).

Like a lovesick schoolgirl, I gazed up at the performer most of the concert. We made eye contact once, and my heart skipped a beat. Now I know why girls swooned over the likes of Elvis.

Even though I'm a devoted John Denver fan, I knew that he wasn't perfect. In recent years he had two drunk driving incidents, and his career just wasn't what it was in the '60s and '70s. He put more and more effort into environmental and humanitarian causes.

Through the breakup of two marriages, though, he kept making music. He even dreamed of flying in the space shuttle, yet that never became reality. Instead, he flew airplanes — which ultimately cost the pop/folk singer his life.

Some could look at his demise while flying in poetic terms. John longed to be as free as the eagle and hawk, which he sang about, or sailing on the ocean aboard Jacque Cousteau's Calypso. He yearned to see the stars and at the same time come home to country. His music was his life.

Ultimately, one could say that his yearnings for freedom cost him the greatest freedom of all — life.

There will be no more country roads for John Denver to meander down, no more fighting world hunger, no more crusading for environmental issues such as the rain forest, Alaskan preservation and Arbor Day, no more helping others through his Windstar Foundation.

But most of all, there will be no more music.

John Denver sang that West Virginia was "almost heaven," but I think he found the real thing. I'll miss you, John.

Zumwalt visit most worthy of criticism

I see where Elmo Zumwalt is lecturing at Old Dominion University. For those who do not know him, he is retired from the Navy and served as Chief of Naval Operations from 1970 to 1974. I hope during his lecture he will be candid and tell his audience what a lousy CNO he really was.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

Many, including myself, believe he was the start of the downfall of the Navy with his liberal social experiments. He started a program called U.S. Navy Z-Gram, which authorized subordinates to bypass their chain of command and complain directly to Zumwalt. This resulted in the undermining of his officers and discipline went to pot (no pun intended).

He shortened cruises, relaxed dress codes, allowed curtains in barracks and relaxed codes for hairstyles. It seemed that under Zumwalt the philosophy was anything goes. The sailors of that time looked like refugees from Woodstock. They had beards and long hair — just like the hippies.

The Navy has not fared too well since Zumwalt's time what with things like the USS Iowa explosion where the Navy tried to blame the disaster on a dead gay sailor, Tailhook, problems with gay rights, women in large numbers getting pregnant at sea and having to be sent home, Naval Academy scandals, the Okinawa problem, unexplained airplane crashes and a multitude of other problems too numerous to mention. It is believed that Adm. Jeremy "Mike" Boorda became so disillusioned that he took his own life.

Perhaps Zumwalt's age had something to do with his inexperience. He was the youngest officer to be promoted to rear admiral at age 44 and became a four-star admiral at age 49.

In a recent interview with Dave Addis in the Sunday edition of *The Virginian-Pilot*, Zumwalt said of the case of Air Force Lt. Kelly, "My own view is that the way in which the (Air Force) Lt. Kelly thing was handled was very badly done. I do believe it's important that one's personal life not be taken into account until it is a source of public embarrassment to the military services." That is the same old Zumwalt liberal philosophy.

He must have been living in a cave for the past several years, because the personal lives of service personnel in all branches are causing embarrassment to the military service every day. All he has to do is read the paper. How much more embarrassment can the military take admiral?

I do agree with Zumwalt in his assessment of former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara when he said his handling of the Vietnam War was "reprehensible."

However, I think his tour as Chief of Naval Operation was "irresponsible." He is no hero to me.

Welcome to the real world.

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Quick care, treatment imperative for rabies



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

As a follow up to last week's column, today we are going to discuss how to prevent 'getting rabies and what to do in case you happen to get bitten by a raccoon or other animal suspected of having rabies.

Rabies is a potentially fatal disease that is transmitted through the saliva of infected animals. Rabies is carried by warm-blooded mammals — typically raccoons, foxes, skunks and bats. Cats, dogs and livestock can also get rabies if they are not vaccinated.

Although rabies is most often transmitted by the bite of a rabid animal, the virus may also be transmitted by a scratch or contact with the anijmal's saliva in an open cut, sore or mucous membrane (eyes, nose, mouth).

The Virginia Beach Department of Public Health strongly suggests that these simple guidelines be followed:

■ Keep pets on a leash at all times.

■ Do no approach or touch stray dogs or cats, raccoons or other wild animals.

■ Do no touch any dead animals.

■ Eliminate outdoor food sources around the home. Do not feed stray dogs or cats or any wild animal. Garbage containers should be securely sealed with lids. After feeding pets, bring leftover food inside or dispose of it properly. Bird food should be placed in a bird feeder inaccessible to wild animals. Food stored in outbuildings (barns, open garages) should be inaccessible to animals.

■ Avoid contact between yourself (or your pets) and wild animals or stray dogs and cats:

■ If you see an animal that appears ill or see a raccoon during the daytime that exhibits no sign of fear (raccoons are normally nocturnal animals) report this to Animal Control (427-4158) giving the exact location and leaving your name and phone number and avoid any contact with this animal. If contact occurs between any wild animal and you or your pet, contact the Virginia Beach Health Department at 491-5940.

It is imperative that you receive medical treatment as soon as possible. Call your veterinarian to examine your pet for wounds and administer a booster rabies shot.

If you find any dead raccoons or other animals, avoid contact with these animals and call Animal Control.

Trapping and removal of raccoons is not recommended, however, may be necessary for sick or injured animals. Keep pets confined to your property.

■ Vaccinate all pets.

If you are bitten or scratched by a raccoon or other animal:

■ You should assume you have been exposed to rabies.

■ Clean the wound with soap and water as soon as possible.

■ Allow the wound to bleed, this helps clean the wound then wash with warm water and soap.

■ Report the incident immediately to animal control or public health officials.

■ Go to your physician or nearest hospital immediately — do not wait.

If you would like more information or to make a report, please contact the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health, 491-5940, or Virginia Beach Animal Control Bureau, 427-5616.

Vanessa Baird, rabies coordinator for the Virginia Beach Health Department, contributed to this column.

Jenney included in new State of Schools series

In efforts to help the business community better understand area schools,the new State of the School System series will provide school superintendents a forum to address the successes of their systems and outline challenges for the future.

The program sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce,is similar in scope to the chamber's successful State of the City series which affords area mayors the same opportunity.

More than 225 people attended the inaugural session in Virginia Beach in April.

Sessions are scheduled in the other four South Hampton Roads cities:

■ Oct. 22 - Joyce H. Trump, superintendent of Suffolk Public Schools; Holiday Inn-Suffolk, 2864 Pruden Blvd. Cost is $15 per person, $120 per table of eight. Reservations are required by Oct. 20. Sponsors include NationsBank and Barton Ford Lincoln Mercury Inc.

■ Oct. 29 - Dr. Richard D. Trumble, superintendent of Portsmouth Public Schools (the school system is celebrating its 150th anniversary); Holiday Inn-Portsmouth Waterfront, 8 Crawford Pkwys. Cost is $13 per person, $91 per table of eight. Reservations are required by Oct. 27. Sponsors include BB&T and Virginia Power.

■ Nov. 5 - Dr. Roy Nichols, superintendent of Norfolk Public Schools; Omni Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Dr. Cost is $15 per person, $140 per table of 10. Reservations are required by Nov. 3. Sponsors include NationsBank and USAA.

■ Nov. 12 - Dr. W. Randolph Nichols, superintendent of Chesapeake Public Schools; Holiday Inn-Chesapeake, 725 Woodlake Dr. Cost is $15 per person, $135 per table of 10. Reservations are required by Nov. 10. Sponsors include Central Fidelity National Bank.

All of the sessions run from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and the cost includes breakfast. Reservations may be made via the Chamber's Reservation Hotline, 664-2558. For more information, call Cindy Davenport at 664-2572.

Up close and personal

David J. Klemt: An artful assignment

By Victoria Hecht
Editor



When Virginia Beach architect David J. Klemt isn't designing the next school or church, he's extending a helping hand through missions, volunteer work and his latest endeavor, the Pembroke Kiwanis Club.

These days the local businessman, president of Klemt and Associates, is knee-deep in arrangements as chairman for the club's first art auction. Set for Friday, Oct. 24 at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, the evening will benefit the Kiwanis' support of Seton House, Special Olympics and the Make A Wish Foundation.

"On an annual basis we disperse about $20,000 to local charities," said Klemt, who hopes the auction with net at least $2,000. Supplementary fund-raisers include annual runs and golf tournaments.

The first-time event comes after the Pembroke Kiwanis lost two lucrative fund-raising ventures — vending at Homearama and the Neptune Festival.

Art for the new event will be provided by a professional art firm, and bids will start as low as $5. Patrons can view the artwork — about 150 to 200 pieces — from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the art center lobby. Bidding runs from 7:30 to 10 p.m., and Grand Affairs will provide the catering.

"We have been working on this for several months," said Klemt, promising an evening of "food, drink, fun and great art."

A member of the Pembroke Kiwanis Club for two years, Klemt is finishing a one-year team on the board of directors and has been elected treasurer for 1998.

"I joined Kiwanis to help give something back to the community. I had determined that I wanted to be a part of a civic group and looked for an organization that I felt was very effective in giving to the community."

Giving back is nothing new for Klemt. As president of the Society for Christian Design Professionals of Hampton Roads, he recently returned from a mission trip to Honduras where he helped design and develop a roof system for a church.

He also participated in a mission trip to the Mexican border with Second Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tenn. to work on a community chapel. He has made trips to Gonaive and Port-A-Prince, Haiti, where he was part of a team that masterplanned a market center and planned a missionary residence.

"It's pretty simple when you consider my Christian convictions," said Klemt, who attends First Presbyterian Church in Norfolk. "As an architect I had felt for a number of years that I had some God-given skills and training that I hadn't had a realistic opportunity to utilize. When the first opportunity came up when I was in Nashville, I thought it was an opportunity to use my skills. It turned out I used my backi" he laughed.

When Klemt moved to Hampton Roads he learned of the Society of Christian Design Professionals.

"One of our services is to provide design services to Third World countries. I'd been involved about a year when there was an opportunity to go to Haiti and do some design work. I jumped on that."

Over the course of eight months, plans came together and, Klemt noted, the building "is coming together as we speak."

Tickets for the Pembroke Kiwanis Club art auction, $15, are available by calling Klemt, 491-1333, or Dan Hargrave, 631-4760.

Name: David J. Klemt.

Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.

Age: 56.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: Architect.

Marital Status: Married to Mary Jane for 32 years.

Children: David C., 30, and Laura Stowe, 36. Two grandchildren: Mary Jane Stowe, 8, and Willeum Gray Stowe, 3 months.

Favorite movies: "Broken Arrow," "Ben Hur," "Hunt for Red October" and "Windsuter 36."

Magazines I read regularly: *Architectural Record, Architecture, Virginia Business* and *BNR.*

Favorite authors: Tom Clancy and Ken Follett.

Favorite night on the town: Movies and dinner with my wife.

Favorite restaurants: Pasta e Pani, Bistro 210 and Baker's Crust.

Favorite meal and beverage: My wife's lasagna and water.

What most people don't know about me: My several mission trips to Third World countries.

Best thing about myself: Devotion to family and friends.

Worst habit: I eat too much and do not exercise correctly.

Pets: A cat.

Ideal vacation: Sanibel Island.

Hobbies: Gardening, carpentry and reading.

Pet peeves: Lights and power equipment left on.

First job: Service station attendant.

Worst job: Sweeping floors in high school.

Favorite sports teams: Chicago Bulls, Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Braves.

Favorite musicians: Pavorati, Perlman and Zamphir.

Most embarrassing moment: Walking through — or trying to walk through — a screen door during a dinner party.

How I would like to be remembered: As caring and compassionate.

If I received $1 million: I would invest a portion, give my church a portion and travel.

If I have 10 minutes on national television: I would encourage people to be more tolerant, caring and compassionate to our neighbors near and far.



Plenty of smiles

There's a lot of grinning their days as Windsor Woods Elementary School students make new friends and learn computer skills. These youths found that working on the keyboard is three times as nice when you use teamwork. Joining in the learning, from left, are Echo Riggs, Jeremy Clark and Kyle Hall.

7-Eleven boosts community policing

Special to the Sun

Virginia Beach police officers will be spending more time in the neighborhoods they protect with the installation of a Police Community Network Center inside a neighborhood 7-Eleven store.

A special event announcing the new program was held last week at the 7-Eleven store located at 920 Level Green Blvd. 7-Eleven is converting a separate room in the Level Green store into an office dedicated to police use with a desk, file cabinets, dedicated phone line and two reserved parking spaces. Bicycle officers in the area also will be able to use the facility while they are on patrol.

"Our department is very active in community policing in the Level Green area of the city, but our officers have been without a community office," Police Chief C.R. Wall said.

"We are looking forward to expanding our partnership with 7-Eleven and having a community-based office available for our use in the neighborhood 7-Eleven store. This opportunity not only will benefit the police officers and 7-Eleven but, more importantly, it will benefit the citizens of Level Green."

"There are some people who just aren't comfortable coming into the police station to ask a question, but they might ask an officer they see face-to-face in a 7-Eleven store."

Police Chief Charles R. Wall

The new community policing center will give officers a place to complete paperwork and make phone calls during their shifts in an environment that allows them to interact with the public in the neighborhoods they patrol.

"There are some people who just aren't comfortable coming into the police station to ask a question, but they might ask an officer they see face-to-face in a 7-Eleven store," Wall said. "This will allow people to talk to their neighborhood patrol officers in a positive situation, and that helps build positive relationships within that community."

7-Eleven has worked with police departments in other cities to establish Police Community Network Centers. The "mini" offices have been popular both with local law enforcement agencies and the residents of the neighborhoods where they are located.

"We have had tremendous success with our community policing centers in other cities," 7-Eleven Market Manager Riaz Vaziralli said.

"Officers on the beat tell us they are often so busy with the day-to-day crime that they are not able to dedicate sufficient resources to prevention. Community policing centers allow officers more time on the beat to address the causes of crime in our neighborhoods.

"We also have seen many older residents stop by to ask for advice on crime prevention," Vaziralli said. "By increasing the presence and accessibility of police, we all are working together to achieve our goal of preventing crime."

7-Eleven has Police Community Network Centers in 139 of its stores in 19 states and Washington, D.C. with more planned for later this year. Virginia is now home to nine community policing centers located in Portsmouth (three locations), Prince William County, Fauquier County (two locations), Fredericksburg (two locations) and this newest location in Virginia Beach.

"We believe that it is important for the business community to work together with the police department to make our community better and safer," Vaziralli said. "This is just one way we can tell our police officers that we appreciate their hard work and dedication."

Citizen's Community Conversations offer candid chatter on city

By Mary Ellen Rosenfeld
Correspondent

When City Council invites 100 folks out to supper, the guests can expect more than a meal.

Council wants to know what's on their minds.

That's the premise of Community Conversations, the second of which will be held Tuesday to help Virginia Beach's leaders determine what has been accomplished and what needs to be addressed in the future.

They got more than an earful at the first Community Conversations gathering held recently at Princess Anne High School. After an informal supper about 80 residents formed groups at cafeteria tables and, with council members acting as recorders, addressed questions posed by facilitator Lyle Sumek.

Sumek, who aids the city with strategic planning," first queried guests on what they perceived as "successes for the last two years."

Participants represented a variety of vocations, interests and age groups. One group included Carolyn Dennis, president of the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs, work disabilities lobbyist Ken Jessup and disability rights advocate Faye Adams.

At the same table was Princess Anne Middle School teacher Tom Shearer, Navy retiree Joseph Schrank, retiree Al Strazzullo and Wilma Harris, an "interested citizen."

Harris listed with "renewal of the beachfront" as a success, while Dennis added, "I like what they've done at Mt. Trashmore" (landscaping and Kids Cove). Adams cited city beautification and better police/community relationships.

"I'm glad they rebuilt the Farmers' Market and kept it at its current location," added Jessup.

Schrank was pleased with "stricter enforcement of handicapped parking."

Other successes mentioned were the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater, the Agriculture Reserve Program, beautification of Atlantic Avenue, the Lake Gaston Pipeline and road improvements near City Hall.

The group voted their favorite successes by far to be curbside recycling, oceanfront improvements and expansion of the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

Sumek then asked guests to list assets of Virginia Beach, reasons they "value living here."

The Dennis group cited close proximity to the oceanfront, its central location on the Eastern Seaboard and its beaches, bays and rivers.

Schrank said that "a good mix of people, relatively honest politicians and city employees" were an asset.

Jessup added, "They are approachable."

Strazullo agreed.

"The quality of the people, I think the people are just fantastic."

Shearer mentioned "a good school system," while Dennis mentioned "a large variety of churches."

"Forces impacting and shaping the community" was next for discussion. Shearer mentioned the ability of the Agricultural Reserve Program to preserve undeveloped land, but Jessup cited "legislation in Richmond" as a negative impact at times.

He also noted the seasonal nature of the tourist industry in the area, Harris agreed.

Other forces identified were water supply, population growth, traffic congestion, new business and the increase in the number of retired taxpayers on fixed incomes.

Having identified past successes, current assets and forces impacting the city, groups moved on to set goals for the future of Virginia Beach.

Under the heading "Successes for Virginia Beach Five Years From Now" came these projections.

Dennis felt planning was essential to prevent housing developments without adequate infrastructure in place.

Shearer agreed that "services that meet the needs, such as schools and roads" should be a priority. Strazullo added "road planning" to the list.

Replacing aging schools and other public buildings, and implementing universal design (handicapped-accessible) were put on the list. Protecting the environment and maintaining open spaces also made the cut.

Voting revealed the goals most on the mind of the group were related to planning, essential services, aging schools, regional cooperation, and environmental protection.

This brought the groups to the final phase of this process, "Issues and Targets for the Next One to Two Years."

Members of the group listed light rail/mass transit to cover the whole Hampton Roads area, an adequate-sized convention center, and working to make the city a year-round tourist destination.

Many in the group agreed that prioritizing goals and finding ways to fund the projects mentioned was a definite need.

A commitment to the Agricultural Reserve Program and continued enforcement of handicapped parking regulations were also deemed important goals for the next year or two.

Some specific suggestions were given to the council.

"I'd like to see the City Council listen to what the people are saying and vote that way" and "cut the politicking down to 30 days."

The goal most heartily agreed to by the group was put forth by Strazullo.

"The plate is full. Preserve what we have," he urged.

The second Community Conversations will include members of the city's boards and commissions.



Photo by Mary Ellen Rosenfeld

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS. Virginia Beach government leaders want to know what's on residents' minds. That's why they've scheduled brainstorming get-togethers.

HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

International Conference on Volunteer Administration to be held Oct. 29 - Nov. 1

Hundreds of leaders of volunteer programs from around the world will convene Oct. 29 through Nov. 1 at Norfolk's Waterside Marriott Hotel for the 1997 International Conference on Volunteer Administration.

Three-time Emmy Award winner Alfre Woodard and best-selling author Robert Fulghum will be the opening and closing speakers.

Tickets are available on a first-come first-serve basis at a cost of $40 each to non-conference attendees. To order tickets, call 625-3115 between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and ask for Carol or Emily.

Sponsored by the Association for Volunteer Administration, the conference features more than 100 workshops geared to enabling leaders of volunteer efforts to enhance their skills related to mobilizing and organizing volunteer involvement in their communities.

Attendees include volunteer program directors, religious leaders, nonprofit executives, local government personnel, leaders of membership organizations and supervisors of volunteers in all types of agency settings throughout the U.S., Canada and other nations.

For a conference registration brochure, call 1-800-638-3839.

Three-time Emmy Award winner Woodard will provide a stimulating opening to the conference on Wednesday evening, Oct. 29. She will share her ideas on the film industry's role in addressing community issues. The Nov. 1 closing luncheon will feature Fulghum, author of such best-selling books as "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" and "From Beginning to End: The Rituals of Everyday Life."

Ogle joins SPSA as marketing specialist

Hazel Ogle, formerly the division sales manager with Waste Management of Hampton Roads, has joined the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) as a marketing specialist. Ogle will develop business recruitment strategies, meet with business customers, assess market trends and will perform other functions.



Ogle

"We are extremely pleased to have Hazel join our team. SPSA has worked hard to maintain positive working relationships with private haulers, particularly Waste Management and our efforts have obviously had a positive influence on Ms. Ogle," said Felicia Walker Blow, director of public information for SPSA.

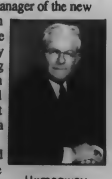
Ogle worked with a medical products manufacturer in South Carolina for three years before working for Waste Management, where she also was employed for three years.

"Ms. Ogle will work in SPSA's Public Information Department as a resource to the entire agency and to our customers. She will assist in strengthening and expanding our relationships with the business community," added Blow.

SPSA is a governmental agency responsible for the solid waste management needs of the cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach and the counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton. SPSA's system includes a waste-to-energy plan, eight transfer stations, landfill operations, seven household hazardous waste collection facilities and numerous recycling programs.

Woodlawn Funeral Home announces new manager

Lawrence Hemenway Jr. has been named manager of the new Woodlawn Funeral Home and Crematory adjoining Woodlawn Memorial Gardens at 6329 Virginia Beach Blvd.



Hemenway

He is retired from the Norfolk Police Department and has worked in funeral service for 21 years. He is a graduate of Tidewater Community with a degree in Law Enforcement and also received a degree in Mortuary Science from John Tyler Community College.

CBN Ministry's holiday singles event make for 'Wonderful Life'

Christian Broadcasting Network's (CBN) Ministry Events will present its holiday singles conference, "It's A Wonderful Life," Nov. 20-23 at the Founders Inn and Conference Center.

Featured speaker Lynda Hunter will share her experience, insight and inspiration to help singles overcome the holiday blues and other issues singles face throughout the year.

Hunter is the founding editor of "Focus on the Family's *Single-Parent Family* magazine, and the author of "Single Moments." Hunter has an earned doctorate from the University of Cincinnati and taught at Miami University (Ohio) before she accepted the editorial spot with "Focus on the Family."

Special musical guests, Sarah Masen, will perform her mix of pop, gospel and folk music. *Billboard* magazine calls Masen "one of the pop/alternative community's most intriguing new singer/songwriters."

For more information and registration, call 1-800-677-8117.

Monster Madness lurking

The Virginia Marine Science Museum is hosting Museum Monster Madness, a special maddening event for the entire family on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Located in the museum's Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion, children ages 12 and under are encouraged to wear their favorite Halloween costumes while participating in fiendishly fun activities.

Monster madness participants can meet the museum's mad scientists and ask questions about their jobs at the museum, create crazy crafts, play unique games and encounter creepy crawly creatures including hissing cock roaches, snakes and spiders. Dramatized presentations of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven" are also a don't miss.

Registration is not necessary, but pre-registration by Oct. 24 allows for quick check-in. The cost of the event is $4 for museum members and $6 for non-members. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. No charge for children under the age of two. Call 437-6007 for more information and registration.

Pound pavement for pooches

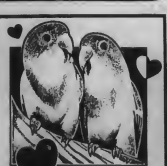
The 1997 SPCA Walk for the Animals will be held Sunday, Oct. 26 with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the walk at 1 p.m. at Tidewater Community College-Virginia Beach campus. Special events include a costume contest, stupid pet tricks, flyball dog team exhibition, military and community challenges and lots of prizes for top fundraisers.

The Virginia Beach SPCA's Walk for the Animals is one of South Hampton Roads' favorite family events. Each individual who raises more than $50 receives one of our coveted commemorative T-shirts. Call the Virginia Beach SPCA, at 427-0070, to receive a walk pledge form and start collecting donations now.



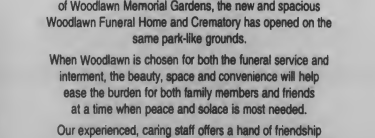
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Only the pig knows

"Oink! How much gum does Petunia Pig hold?" The third graders at Red Mill Elementary School are estimating and re-evaluating their guesses as they are given benchmarks. Students are improving their number skills as they have fun with estimation. Petunia will be refilled with other objects and used to integrate math with language arts throughout the math unit based on "The Three Little Pigs." Third graders Beejay Estacion and Kali Matalon, meanwhile, are still intent on the great gum debate.

Learning center registration under way

The Virginia Beach Adult Learning Center is conducting registration for first semester classes. Programs offered include Basic Skills/Pre GED, GED Preparation, English as a Second Language and Special Interest classes.

The Special Interest classes are relatively short, economical offerings in Business and Personal Development and Personal and Professional Technology. Areas covered include art, bookkeeping computers, communications skills, cultural arts, financial planning, health and nutrition, medical, trade skills and more. Continuing Education Units (CEU's), offered through Old Dominion University, can be earned for taking many of these classes.

Registration is currently under way. For more information, call the Adult Learning Center Help Line, 519-9960.



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Fall is nature at its best

Refuge, park host special week of events

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

Back Bay Wildlife Refuge is a sight worth seeing on a sparkling Indian summer day.

The refuge's interior trails are a daytripper's delight right now.

In this brief interlude between the summer heat and humidity and before the arrival of the migratory waterfowl, which signal the dike trail's seasonal closure, there's an abundance of visual treats waiting for hikers and bikers. Goldenrod and other wildflowers bloom profusely, turtles sun themselves on logs in unexpected places and, best of all, there's enough wind to drive away most of the mosquitoes on all but the balmiest days.

These interior trails will close for public use on Nov. 1, about the time that waterfowl will begin to arrive in this area from their Canadian summer homes. These birds, most of whom stay here for only a few days before resuming their journey south, need an undisturbed habitat to rest, feed and shore up energy for the long trip ahead, refuge officials say.

So, although the beach trail remains open all winter and canoeists can still travel by water, there's no inland route available for hiking and biking into False Cape State Park.

Right now, though, is peak season for visiting the refuge and staff members at both the refuge and the state park have prepared special programs to observe National Wildlife Refuge Week, Oct. 12-18.

Bikers, photographers, wildlife enthusiasts and fishing buffs will particularly enjoy this Saturday's events, which begin at 9 a.m with a wildlife photography walk. Tram rides into False Cape State Park, about six miles south of the refuge, will also be available.

Refuge volunteer Richard Harris, a wildlife photographer, will share some tips on filming wildlife and nature. He'll lead participants on a two-hour walk aimed at teaching some techniques for taking pictures in a natural setting.

If you like to share fish stories and want to sharpen your fishing skills, bring your rod and along for a surf rod casting demonstration at 1 p.m. The demonstration will be conducted by the Virginia Beach Sand witches, the first all-female fishing club in the city.

Refuge intern Cyrus Brame will lead a 10-mile bike tour through the refuge at 3 p.m., and an interpretative tram tour of the refuge and park will begin at 4 p.m.

The two-hour tour will highlight the varied habitats, including the marshes, shrublands, maritime forests and dunes in this coastal environment. An earlier tram ride is scheduled for 9 a.m., and these tours into False Cape State Park will continue until Oct. 31.

Refuge and park employees also plan to present talks on wildlife found in the park, although specific times for these events have not been set. Major Benton, assistant manager at False Cape State Park, hopes to present a slide show on the bottlenose dolphin.



DROP ON BY. Volunteers Ann and Wayne Benton, manning False Cape's contact station, greet visitors, hikers and bikers who come out to take advantage of the nature trails.

Bikers, photographers, wildlife enthusiasts and fishing buffs will particularly enjoy this Saturday's events, which begin at 9 a.m. with a wildlife photograph walk.

Benton will share slides and information he gleaned about these marine mammals during a stint with the Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin Research Project in Marathon, Fla.

Benton, who worked for five years on the project, which was sponsored by the Chicago Zoological Society, said that the center aimed to use the dolphin as a "hook" for its educational program because of that animals' mystique.

People came to see the dolphins and we could then teach them about the marine environment and how they could modify their behavior so as to not threaten marine animals.

Many people, Benton said, have a "Flipper mentality" about dolphins that they acquired from a TV program that depicted a dolphin with almost human characteristics. The center's educational program aimed to teach people that these animals, although highly intelligent, need to respected and studied as wildlife.

"The dolphins at the center seemed to like to be challenged to learn new behaviors," he said. The training was aimed at teaching animals behavior that would make medical testing easier instead of just having them turn flips and other tricks."

"We aimed to find out as much about dolphins as we could," Benton added, and the researchers were particularly interested in knowing why the survival rate for firstborn calves is so low. The studies indicated that many calves born to first-time mothers die because all of the toxins she's acquired in her body comes out in her first milk," Benton said.

The Refuge, located just south of Little Island City Park, will also hold a volunteer recruitment meeting at 3 p.m. Oct. 25.

The 7,732-acre refuge was established in 1938 to provide a haven for migrating waterfowl. It's located on a barrier spit between the ocean and Back Bay and it includes marshes, beach and forest. During the winter, it serves as a feeding area for snow geese, coots, widgeons and other waterfowl, but many birds, mammals and reptiles live there all year.

Alert hikers can often catch a glimpse of a fox, feral hog, or deer, and the feral ponies often graze within sight of the human visitors. Endangered species, including the loggerhead sea turtle, piping plovers, peregrine falcons and bald eagles sometimes nest or stay at the refuge.

For those interested in plants, a variety of vegetation, including marsh grasses, wax myrtle, persimmon, pines and live oak grow in the park. It's not unusual to see snapping turtles and hikers need to be alert for water moccasins.

There's also no shortage of mosquitoes and ticks during the warm months, and even this time of the year it's a good idea to come well-armed with insect repellent.

The refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, which is gearing up for its 100th birthday in 2003. President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid outsdoorman, established Pelican Island, Fla. as the first refuge in 1903, and 50 more refuges were added to the system during his administration. Now, there are over 500 refuges located across the country from Alaska to Florida.

"We hope to make all Americans aware of the National Wildlife Refuge System as places to enjoy wildlife, to hunt, to fish, to watch and to learn about our natural heritage," said John Stasko, refuge manager.

For more information about the upcoming programs, call 721-2412 or 721-3896. To make reservations for the tram rides call 1-800-933-PARK.



Photos by Jane Rowe

SCENIC LOOK. A visit to Back Bay Wildlife Refuge can also include a trip, via tram or hiking trail, to False Cape State Park.



TAKING A LOAD OFF. It's not the Alps, but it's still worth a day's hike for Henri Bobin, a native of France. He visited Back Bay last weekend as part of refuge week activities. Festivities continue Saturday.

Pooches, felines put on the dog

What are your pets going to be for Halloween this year? What's the best costume they ever had? Show off your pet in its best Halloween costume., Virginia Beach Extension is looking for dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, hamsters and other critters in the categories of: Best Costume, Most Original Costume and Funniest Costume.

Pet costumes will be judged on originality, creativity and imagination. Pets will be judged on Saturday, Oct. 25 (rain or shine) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Weber's Pet Supermarket, 2700 Avenger Dr., Suite 110 (across from Toys R' Us near Lynnhaven Mall).

A registration fee is a cash donation. Proceeds to support the Virginia Beach 4-H Guiding Eyes for the Blind Puppy Raising Program.

Beach Symphony season begins

The Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David S. Kunkel, begins its 1997-98 concert season with a selection of orchestral favorites and celebrates the bicentennial of the great song writer Franz Schubert.

The concert, which is the first of four subscription concerts in the orchestra's 16th season, will be held at the Pavilion Theatre in Virginia Beach on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.

Concert tickets, which can be obtained from the box office, are $8 for adults, $5 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, call 671-8611.

Haunts, hayrides highlight howling Halloween season

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Age didn't seem to matter as young — and the young-at-heart — engaged in some good-natured straw fights during the hayride out to the pumpkin patch.

Henley grinned, "We had this group of happy-go-lucky people here a little while ago. I told them to go on ahead because the wind was in their favor!"

They'll be plenty more fun come Halloween weekend when Henley's Farm is host to the first "Pumpkin Fling in Pungo," from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ferry Plantation, the day will include "hayrides into history," when storytellers will share colorful highlights of Pungo's past. Tales about Grace Sherwood, known as the Witch of Pungo who served a seven-year jail sentence for witchcraft in the early 1700s, are sure to entice.

A flea market/plant sale, musical entertainment, line dancing, an auction and a stress-busting "pumpkin smash" will also be featured. Proceeds help Friends of the Ferry Plantation House restoration project. Parking and admission are free.

For more information, call Belinda Nash, 490-2504.

If things that go bump in the night are more to your liking, check out the Creepy Crawly Room at the Virginia Marine Science Museum through Nov. 11. Spiders, scorpions, rats, bats and other slithering or crawling things are just a few of the live creatures dwelling the the Discovery Room exhibit.

The museum's "mad scientists" will also concoct the potion for more fun adventures during Museum Monster Madness on Oct. 30. Children are encouraged to come in their costumes to enjoy crafts and other "creepy" encounters.

For more information on the museum events, call 437-4949.

If haunted hayrides and ghastly ghouls are more to your liking, you'll howl with delight as the Original Haunted Hayride and Halloween Festival unfolds at Hunt Club Farm Market through Oct. 31.

Fright-filled encounters start nightly at 7 p.m. with trips to a haunted barn and the "London Bridge Graveyard." There's also a magician and a "scareoke" stage. Tickets are $10, and are available at the festival or through TicketMaster. Call 459-4275.

Meanwhile, some families have skeletons in the closets, but others keep them down on the farm — Taylor Farms, that is. The Dam Neck Road location is hosting the Dismal Haunts of the Swamp Hayride through Oct. 31. Among the attractions included in $7 admission are the Hansel and Gretel House, a petting zoo, playground and the hayride. Call 427-6428.

Of course, there are plenty of ghoulish and ghastly delights at the oceanfront, too. October is when the Haunted Mansion (428-3327) and the Haunted Fun House (422-1742) come "into season." Doors open weekdays at 7 p.m., with varying hours on weekends, and a promise to stay open until "they have you inside."

The Royal London Wax Museum (491-MUSM), another oceanfront Halloween favorite, features more than 100 life-sized figures including the Wolfman, Dracula, the Mummy and other creepy creatures. It's open weekdays beginning at 2 p.m. and weekends at noon.

CREEPY CRAWLY FUN

Pumpkins, hayrides, haunted houses and creepy, crawly fun are plentiful in Virginia Beach this year:

- Pumpkin Fling In Pungo - Nov. 1, Henley's Farm, 3513 Charity Neck Rd., 490-2504.
- Creepy Crawly Room - Oct. 18-Nov. 11, Virginia Marine Science Museum, 717 General Booth Blvd., 437-4949.
- Original Haunted Hayride and Halloween Festival - through Nov. 1, Hunt Club Farm Market, 2400 London Bridge Rd., 459-4275 or 427-9520.
- Dismal Haunts of the Swamp Hayride - through Oct. 31, Taylor Farms, 2599 Dam Neck Rd., 427-6428.
- Haunted Mansion, 20th and Atlantic Avenue, 428-3327.
- Haunted Fun House, 2500 Atlantic Ave., 422-1742.
- Royal London Wax Museum, 1606 Atlantic Ave., 491-MUSM (6876).

Pumpkin farms also have lots of produce plump for the picking:

- Henley Farm, 3513 Charity Neck Rd., 426-7501.
- Hunt Club Farm Market, 2400 London Bridge Rd., 427-9520.
- Stoney's Produce, 997 First Colonial Rd., 496-8795.
- Munden Farm, 1377 Princess Anne Rd., 426-2747.
- Williams Farm, 1000 North Newtown Rd., 497-5649.



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THEIR KEEPERS. After much perusing and picking among the plentiful assortment of plump pumpkins, these ladies returned to the hay wagon with their favorites in hand.

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Beach co-hosts first Green Sea Fest

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"We wanted to educate the public in a fun way," said coordinator Cindy Butler. "The idea was to get people into the actual watershed area."

The festival follows a watershed stakeholder workshop held last month in the resort city. Both events result from a joint initiative between Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, working in conjunction with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Additional sponsors are the Virginia Coastal Program of the Department of Environmental Quality, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Cavalier Ford, Volvo Penta and Virginia Power.

Planning, Butler said, "came together quickly after planners go the OK this summer.

"It seems like we've had a lot of enthusiastic response. The Girl Scouts did a flier and sent it out to all the troops in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, so they we're expecting lots of Scouts. We'd be happy to see 1,500 to 2,000 people overall the first year."

The Green Sea Festival combines education and entertainment while celebrating the watershed's natural and cultural resources. Children's activities include an educational contest, puppet shows and storytelling. Adults can enjoy music, food, displays and presentations.

More than 20 exhibitors will be on hand to emphasize the importance of protecting and preserving the Southern Watershed Area, as well as promote the large number of recreational opportunities it allows the community. Two stages will provide continual entertainment, including cloggers, square dancers and puppet shows. The Great Bridge Kiwanis Club will provide food and refreshments.

Among the festival participants:

- Chesapeake artist Richard Pelletier will make shaker boxes and dulcimers.
- The Great Dismal Swamp Refuge Coalition will help visitors explore the refuge's ecosystem and wildlife corridors.
- Chesapeake Mosquito Control will explain its role in the community.
- Southeastern Public Service Authority will have its mascot, "SPSAroo," on hand and share information about curbside recycling, waste management and household hazardous waste.
- The Virginia Canal and Navigations Society will share George Washington's dream and the beginning of commerce in America.
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Service's Master Gardener Program will share concerns about water quality.
- The Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Resources will explain its role in the preservation of southern watersheds.
- The Hampton Roads Water Efficiency Team will share ways to conserve water.
- Chesapeake Stormwater Management's will bring its mascot, "Rainbo," and goodies for the children.
- The Tidewater Weavers Guild will demonstrate its favorite art.
- Tony Dungara of Chesapeake Herpetoculture will bring some of his favorite slithery snakes and creepy crawlers for an up-close look.
- The U.S. Coast Guard National Strike Force will show how it's prepared to respond to oil and hazardous substance pollution incidents.
- The Virginia Marine Science Museum will bring its 28-foot Chesapeake Bay Marine Lab, complete with aquariums and touch tanks.

Nature walks and tram rides provided by Northwest River Park will also be offered.

Parking and admission to the Green Sea Festival are free. For more information, call 481-6192.

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Court decision affects council vote

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The church and two communications providers, Primeco and AT&T, appealed the decision to U.S. District Court under the Telecommunications Act which, Lilley said, was designed to avoid discrimination.

U.S. District Judge Raymond A. Jackson on Sept. 24 found for the applicants and ordered council to reverse its decision and to approve the original application of the church. Council was given 20 days, which ended Tuesday, to obey the order.

The city immediately filed an appeal to the Fourth Circuit Court. At the same time it requested a stay of execution which would leave the present situation as it is until the appeal is heard. The District Court had denied a stay.

Lilley said that his office had been in touch with the Fourth Circuit clerk's office throughout the day, but had heard nothing. He said that there was little the council could do but to follow the order.

He said the circumstances were unusual and "difficult to deal with." He said that it was difficult to know what the judge would do if council did not obey the order. He said that council members could be held in contempt and would possibly face some jail time.

He advised council to approve the application subject to the four conditions approved by the Planning Commission and subject to an added condition that if the U.S. District Court's decision is reversed or modified, approval of this application shall be null and void. And that's what council did while still hoping that a stay would be granted.

Branch said that he did not want to go to jail, but considered the order a "travesty for democracy. If we can't serve our people it's a sad day for democracy."

Harrison said the key word is "exercise."

In a brief statement he said:

"Madame Mayor, On March 25 we voted unanimously to deny the application of the United Methodist Church. 'Voted' is the key word. We exercised the right bestowed upon us by the voters of the city of Virginia Beach and made our decision based upon the land use we as a body found to be in the best interests of the Little Neck Peninsula and the city of Virginia Beach.

Today we are forced by Federal Court order to vote again. The difference this time is that our vote is not our full exercise of our discretion. We in essence are being held hostage by the Federal Telecommunications Act and our vote is not a free expression of how we all feel about this application.

I know that all of you stand with me in steadfast opposition to this application.

I reluctantly and with total disdain for this process . . ."

Harrison made the motion for approval of the application with the five conditions.

The proposed towers and support buildings will be developed in substantial conformance with the site plans, architectural renderings and specific antennas designs submitted to the Department of Planning.

The conditional use permit shall apply to those portions of the site to be occupied by the monopoles and related support facilities as depicted on the submitted site plan.

The applicant must provide for leased spaces for at least four wireless providers at reasonable terms when requested.

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Tech center request

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In reply to a question from Oberndorf about whether the School Board would help the city to come up with the $13 million, Jenney said that it would. He said that some items in the school capital budget are no longer needed and that some changes would be made in a referendum that has been proposed for 1998.

Spore said that the resolution requested of council would be for a commitment for the project, but that the city ought to have a funding plan.

He said that "if we look at the project from a staff perspective, I can't think of anything with a greater priority, particularly with the Old Dominion University? Virginia State University Center (next door)."

Branch said that in the past Virginia Beach has been on its own in Richmond. He asked whether the Hampton Roads Economic Development Partnership would endorse the project.

Spore said that the center has regional implications, and Oberndorf pointed out that something similar is being done in Newport News.

Kay Kemper, president of Capitol Strategies and also a member of the steering committee, said that in informal discussions Virginia Beach representatives to the General Assembly have been receptive to the idea. She also said that she has found that projects will lots of partners receive more attention and support in the General Assembly, adding that providing an adequate work force is a big issue right now.

Jenney raised as an example efforts in Greenville County, S.C. to create a technical school which has proved successful and a model for other communities.

He said that it would be more productive for some students to attend a two-year technical institute which trains them for hi-tech jobs than to attend four-year college.

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Teens unite, tackle problems at Youth Celebration Summit

Young people seek solutions to help peers, themselves



Photos by Chris Smith

HELPING HAND. Adults volunteering at the teen conference at Virginia Wesleyan included college students, city officials and concerned citizens. Kenny Stewart of the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department enjoyed "rapping" with young people as he distributed T-shirts.

By Chris Smith
Correspondent

More than 400 teens descended on the Hampton Roads area this week, but they didn't leave behind graffiti, trash or disruption.

They came to be part of the solution, not the problem.

Virginia Wesleyan College hosted the Youth Celebration Summit on Monday. The session was dedicated to spotlighting the needs of at-risk youths in Hampton Roads and ways to ensure a better future for them.

The conference grew out of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future held last spring in Philadelphia.

Kempsville High junior Scott Sachs and Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf were among the Virginia Beach delegates who attended that conference. Sachs, along with Virginia Wesleyan President William Greer, co-chaired the Hampton Roads event.

Sachs enthusiastically described his experiences in Philadelphia and has a vision of every youth sport team and club in the area doing some form of community service on a regular basis.

"Virginia Beach has offered me so many opportunities to be involved since becoming part of the Mayor's Council in eighth grade. This is a great community to be part of," he said.

The summit set forth a goal of reaching 2 million at-risk youths by the year 2000 in five key areas. These include a healthy start, an ongoing relationship with an adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a marketable skill through education, and an opportunity to give back to their community through service.

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>
> **Scott Sachs, student**

Delegates to Monday's conference represented Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Suffolk. Each community chose 50 to 90 middle school and high school students through an application process. The teens were involved in a day-long give-and-take process which included messages from Gov. George Allen and retired Gen. Colin Powell, as well as discussion sessions to explore resources available in this region.

According to Chesapeake Youth and Family Services representative Faye Wade, diversity was the key ingredient in supplying representatives for Monday's brainstorming sessions.

Students were referred by their schools, housing authorities and local youth organizations. Many of the delegates will probably say their needs are already well met in all five categories. Other delegates will have unmet needs in all of these areas.

Delegates had to commit to being part of a service project, the conference, and a grass roots efforts to take an active role in their school, community and church in seeking resources to meet all the youths' needs.

Data gathered in Monday's conference will shape the Mayor's Summit scheduled for February. At that time, issues raised on Monday will be addressed by the five mayors whose communities were represented at the summit. This information will also be used to rally community support for the needs of area youth.

Teens will also be encouraged to contribute back to the community through volunteerism and a partnership role in solving problems.

Entertainment for the summit was supplied by the American Philippine Dance Troop and the Hampton Marching Elite.

Preceding the day-long conference, teens were given an opportunity to provide a service to their community.

On Saturday, 43 Chesapeake delegates along with some of their parents planted 188 donated trees at the Chesapeake Arboretum on Oak Grove Road. The Virginia Beach delegates picked up trash and planted trees at the park and basketball court sites in the Lake Edward community on Sunday.

According to Sachs, the youth issue is being moved to the forefront because leaders are trying to respond to needs they felt have been too long ignored.

The proclamation which kicked off the April summit was signed by all the former presidents. Powell opened that conference.

Anyone interested in more information can contact Cherlyann Dorsey, community relations manager of VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, 624-2400.



KEEPING THEIR PROMISE. Teens from Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Suffolk and Virginia Beach gathered at Virginia Wesleyan College on Monday to build a better future. Their T-shirt pledged that they are "America's Promise." Showing off their shirts, from left, are Marquitta Cuffee and Brittany Haddock of Oscar Smith High School, Randy Tripp Jr. of Indian River High School and Shakia Holmes, also Oscar Smith High School.

SPSA seeks student essays, art

An essay/art contest for all South Hampton Roads kindergarten through fifth grade students is being sponsored by the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA).

Wal-mart will co-sponsor the event which will run through Oct. 31 and is in recognition of Virginia/America Recycles Day. The day will be observed Nov. 15.

Kindergarten through second grade students are asked to draw, paint or color themselves recycling or protecting the environment. Children in third through fifth grades may participate by writing a 200-word or less essay on their most creative and practical recycling program.

Area Walmart stores are serving as drop-off points for entries. Walmart stores are located in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Suffolk and Virginia Beach. Winners will receive $50 gift certificates and two grand prize winners will receive computers valued at $1,500 each.

"We began this effort in support of the first-ever Virginia/America Recycles Day. Our main goal is to get students involved in the recycling process," said SPSA director of public relations, Felicia Walker Blow. "All judging of contest entries will be conducted by the Hampton Roads Clean Community Systems (HRCCS) — a regional environmental organization composed of recycling coordinators and environmental educators," adds Blow.

On Friday, Nov. 14, the prizes will be awarded at a ceremony held to recognize the winners. School principals, teachers and parents also are invited to the ceremony. Each winner's school will be presented with a banner recognizing their school in the SPSA/Walmart Student Environmental Contest. More information on the event is forthcoming.

For more information, call Felicia Walker Blow, 420-4700.

Kindergarten textbooks open to comment

Virginia Beach citizens can review and comment on textbooks recommended for adoption for the Virginia Beach City Public School's 1998-1999 kindergarten program.

An assortment of text books are on display through Nov. 14 in the first floor lobby of the School Administration Building and all seven Virginia Beach Public Libraries.

The School Administration Building hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The hours of operation vary among the library branches. For additional information on the kindergarten textbooks, call Mary Puryear Butler at 427-4714.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 28, 1997 at 6:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of CH & B Associates L.L.P., The Caplan Family Trust, The Fleder Family Trust, and Kyrus Family L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the west side of Windsor Oaks Boulevard beginning at a point 330 feet more or less south of Holland Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 30,492 square feet. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of C & C Development, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Newtown Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for business land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business/research center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.04 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Kempsville Church of God for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road. Said parcel is located at 4422 Princess Anne Road and contains 4.9147 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Ibolya Schwab for a Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation (family day care) on Lot 44, Block B, Windsor Oaks West, Section 1, Part 2. Said parcel is located at 617 N. Piping Rock Road and contains 9807 square feet more or less. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Woodstock Point Assoc., LLC, for a Conditional Use Permit for a community boat dock on certain property located at the northern extremity of Woodstock Road. Said parcel contains 5.57 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Baptist Extension Board, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located at the southwest corner of Independence Boulevard and Round Hill Drive. Said parcel contains 6.239 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

PUNGO BOROUGH:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Bethel Christian Fellowship for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition on the north side of Indian River Road, west of New Bridge Road. Said parcel is located at 1814 Indian River Road and contains 1.02 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:

8. Ordinance to amend Sections 111, 401 and 501 of the City Zoning Ordinance and to add Section 507 by allowing flex suites in all single-family residential zoning districts and providing safeguards for their use.

9. Ordinance to amend Sections 901 and 1001 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to use regulations for eating and drinking establishments.

10. Ordinance to amend Section 410 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to dwelling units in livestock barns in Agricultural Zoning Districts.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE

IN RE:

JESSICA D. HILL, Plaintiff v. MICHAEL SEAN NANCE, Defendant

CASE NO. CH97-3245

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce and determination of related matters.

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL SEAN NANCE appear and protect his interest, on or before December 5, 1997, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in THE VIRGINIA BEACH SUN, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: Sept. 26, 1997
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Bill Maull, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Christopher Michael Beasley

Order of Publication

The object of this suit is to obtain the adoption of Christopher Michael Beasley by Eric Jason Cartwright and Sandra Louise Cartwright, husband and wife and based on an affidavit filed herein, the Court finds that there exist sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Jason Matthew Easterling, whose last known address is unknown, appear at the above-named Court and protect his interests on or before November 5, 1997.

Date: 10-6-97
Yvette Pierce DC Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia Beach City Council, at its Formal Session Tuesday, October 28, 1997, 8:00 PM, will hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider the following Ordinance to amend the City Code, as it pertains to ELECTION DISTRICTS and VOTING PLACES within the City:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA:

That Section 10-1 of the Code of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is hereby amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1. Establishment of ~~election districts~~ precincts and ~~voting~~ polling places.

There are hereby established in the city the following ~~election districts~~ precincts and their respective ~~voting~~ polling places as set forth below:

~~Election District~~ Precinct	~~Voting~~ Polling Place
Alanton	Alanton Elementary School
Aragona	Bayside Middle School Grade 6
Arrowhead	Arrowhead Elementary School
Baker	Heritage United Methodist Church
Bayside	Bayside Elementary School
Bellamy	Indian Lakes Elementary School
Blackwater	Blackwater Fire Station
Bonney	Center for Effective Learning
Brandon	Brandon Middle School
Cape Henry	Research and Enlightenment Building (Edgar Cayce Library)
Cape Shop	P.A. Mosquito Control Building
Centerville	Centerville Elementary School
Chesapeake Beach	Bayside Baptist Church
College Park	College Park Elementary School
Colonial	Colonial Baptist Church
Courthouse	Courthouse Fire Station
Creeds	Creeds Fire Station
Culver	Ocean Lakes High School
Davis Corner	Bettie F. Williams Elementary School
Eastern Shore	Eastern Shore Chapel
Fairfield	Fairfield Elementary School
Forest	King's Grant Elementary School
Glenwood	Glenwood Elementary School
Great Neck	Francis Asbury United Methodist Church
Green Run	Green Run Elementary School
Hilltop	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Holland	Holland Elementary School
Homestead	Providence Presbyterian Church
Hunt	Princess Anne Recreation Center
Kings Grant	St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Kingston	Kingston Elementary School
Lake Smith	~~Shelton Park Elementary School~~ Bayside Church of Christ
Landstown	Landstown Community Church
Larkspur	St. Andrews United Methodist Church
Linkhorn	~~The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd~~ Virginia Beach Community Chapel
Little Neck	St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
London Bridge	London Bridge Baptist Church
Lynnhaven	Grace Bible Church
Magic Hollow	Roma Lodge No. 254
Malibu	Malibu Elementary School
Meadows	Pembroke Meadows Elementary School
Mt. Trashmore	Windsor Woods Elementary School
North Beach	Galilee Episcopal Church
Ocean Lakes	Ocean Lakes Elementary School
Ocean Park	Bayside Christian Church
Oceana	Scott Memorial United Methodist Church
Old Donation	Old Donation Center for Gifted
Pembroke	Pembroke Elementary School
Plaza	Lynnhaven Elementary School
Point O'View	~~Point O'View Elementary School~~ Kempsville Church of Christ
Providence	Kempsville Recreation Center
Red Wing	Fire Training Center
Rosemont Forest	Rosemont Forest Elementary School
Salem	Salem Baptist Church
Seatack	Seatack Elementary School
Shannon	Church of the Ascension
Shell	Unity Church of Tidewater
Sherry Park	St. Matthews Catholic Church
Sigma	~~Tabernacle United Methodist Church~~ St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
South Beach	Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Building
Stratford Chase	Providence Elementary School
Strawbridge	Strawbridge Elementary School
Thalia	Thalia Elementary School
Thoroughgood	Indpendence Middle School
Timberlake	White Oaks Elementary School
Trantwood	Virginia Beach Christian Church
Windsor Oaks	Windsor Oaks Elementary School
Witchduck	Bayside Presbyterian Church
Wolfsnare	~~Eastern Shore Chapel~~ Church of the Redeemer
Woodstock	Avalon Church of Christ
Central Absentee Voter ~~Election District~~ Precinct	Agriculture/Voter Registrar Building

These changes will become effective following their approval by the United States Department of Justice pursuant to the Voting Rights of 1965, as amended.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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Fast-paced Irish dancing 'hops to it' locally

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

Sharon Hogan's arms, and her life are filled with tapes of Irish music, imported Irish china and Irish jewelry. Petite and bouncy, she wheels around, fielding questions, displaying items and chatting to the small crowd gathered around her.

Hogan, a member of the Irish-American Society of Tidewater, joked with other long-time members and answered questions poised by newcomers after a recent meeting at the Virginia Beach Central Library.

While the group members drank coffee, sipped soda bread and invited each other to upcoming events, Hogan discussed her own Irish heritage and how she became interested in it.

Unlike many of the society's members, who grew up in Ireland or in traditional Irish-American families, Hogan said she didn't have a lot of exposure to Celtic culture as a child.

Hogan's lived in Virginia Beach most of her life, and although she always knew her great-great grandmother was Irish, "we didn't have a lot of Irish traditions (in her family) when I was growing up."

It wasn't until she began working at Erin's Treasures, an Irish Import shop at Waterside which she now owns, that "I've become fascinated with my Irish background."

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>
> **Sharon Hogan, Irish dancer**

"My grandmother's grandmother came to this country during the potato famine, when she was 15," Hogan continued.

"But I'm from a Navy family, I lived here most of my life and it wasn't until I began working at Erin's Treasures that I became fascinated with my Irish background.

"On the other hand, New Yorker Patrick Sweeney and native Irishman Tom Porter, grew up immersed in Irish culture, and both missed the music, food and dancing when they moved to Hampton Roads.

They, like Hogan and 250 other Hampton Roads residents from the Irish American Society of Tidewater, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Virginia Beach Central Library.

Members of the 17-year-old group admit that they're something of a paradox in southeastern Virginia, with its conservative English roots and present-day heterogeneous population. Still, they say, they're attracting more people who, like Hogan, want to find out more about their heritage.

Hogan's one of the few locals in the society, however. Some of them come straight from Ireland, most come from Boston, New York or other northeastern cities. But few of them, Sweeney added, are native-born Virginians.

"When the group started here it was very tiny," he said. "The thing here is we have maybe three or four people who are Southern-born. My belief is that the Irish who came to the North held their history better, while the ones who came down here weren't as close together as the people living in the cities. Basically, the Northerners are bringing it (Irish culture) down."

Some of the members are also non-Irish who've become fascinated with Celtic culture, particularly since the rise in popularity of contemporary Celtic music.

"Riverdance (a recent movie featuring Irish dancing) had a lot to do with the revival of Irish music and brought many new people into the group," Hogan said.

"Most of my students have seen Riverdance or their background is Irish," agreed Debbie Souza, who teaches Irish dancing to adults and children at Golden Slippers on Virginia Beach Boulevard.

"Riverdance really put Irish dancing on the map."

Souza, who calls her recently-formed dance group "The Rhythm of Ireland," added that "I grew up Irish dancing in Boston, and entered competitions there."

Irish dancing was influenced by native dances from all over Europe, Souza said. In its simplest form, it's similar to American country dancing, but when the tempo picks up "you get into tap dancing. Irish dancing is very fast dancing," and it's that characteristic fast pace that fascinates observers and encourages many people to try it.

Members of the Irish Society also participate in multi-cultural events such as the oceanfront festival and an ODU-sponsored event earlier this month. They're also on hand for the Neptune Festival and St. Patrick's Day Parade in Norfolk. "We're just there to answer questions about Ireland," one member said.

Music is an integral part of the society, which brings Celtic musicians such as Noel Henry of Boston to the area for their dances.



HOP TO IT. Riverdance? Not quite, but the newly-formed Rhythm of Ireland Dancers are gaining popularity at cultural festivals.

"Our main focus is having a good time and spreading the Irish point of view," said Porter.

For more information about the Rhythm of Ireland Dancers, call 340-0370.

— *Home Improvement* —

Helpful tips for a long roof life

Many homeowners "do their shingles homework" when it comes to their new or replacement roof. But what they may not realize is that there's more to roofing than just shingles!

Ventilation is a critical consideration for roofing and energy efficiency — and one that's far too often ignored.

In the 1950s and 1960s, typical ventilation products included gable vents, roof pots and wind-powered turbines which only worked when the wind moved in a particular direction. Some of these products looked like smoke stacks while others resembled tin pots sitting on a roof. Not only were these products unattractive, but they were typically ineffective in achieving their primary purpose of roofing ventilation.

Ridge ventilation was introduced in the 1970s as homeowners became more energy conscious. However, early ridge vents were manufactured from galvanized metal or aluminum that detracted from the roof's appearance and were often damaged during installation and/or severe weather.

Now, with an increasing number of home buyers requesting more expensive architectural shingles, appearance has become a key factor in addition to energy efficiency. As a result, under-the-shingle ridge vent systems have become increasingly popular. The new generation of ridge vents require no electricity — only the natural flow of air. The nylon matrix material allows air to pass through while keeping the rain, snow, dust and insects out and enabling the entire attic to be ventilated.

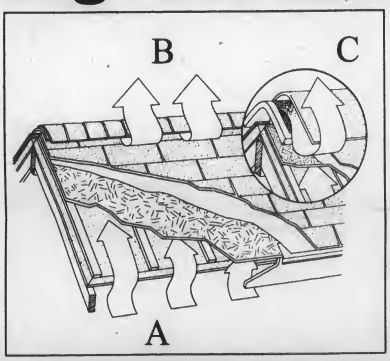
In the summer, ventilation and heat dissipation are key concerns. Heat from the sun may cause very high roof deck temperatures, allowing the heat to radiate throughout the entire house. Heat buildup must be relieved by ventilating the underside of the roof deck. Otherwise, prolonged heat will accelerate asphalt shingle product aging and shorten the life of the roof.

In the winter, condensation caused by ineffective and inefficient venting will decrease insulation efficiency. A properly designed and installed ventilation system will remove water vapor from the attic before condensation can occur that may cause wood to mildew, rot or expand; plaster to crack or paint to peel.

In order for a roof to perform to its full capacity, proper control of heat, moisture and humidity may cause:

- bowing, expansion, movement and waviness of the roof deck;
- blistering, cupping and slotting of the shingles;
- buckling of the shingles as a result of deck movement;
- stressing, splitting and rotting of wood members; and,
- moisture accumulation in insulation and premature aging of the shingles.

There are no drawbacks to the use of roofing ventilation. A modest initial investment for this accessory will pay handsome dividends to the consumer and homeowner.



PROPER VENTILATION. An insulated shingle deck works by moving air up into the eave (a) and out the top (b) where it escapes through the ridge vent. The nylon matrix material underneath (c) allows air to pass through while keeping the rain, snow, dust and insects out.

Does your mattress pass the test?

Are you counting sheep when you should be catching zzz's? The problem could be that your mattress is even more worn out than you are.

But sleeping on a too-soft or too-hard mattress can cost you more than a good night's sleep. Because it's a biological system, your back is in a constant state of change. When you sleep on a mattress that's too soft or too hard, experts say, your muscles have to work overtime to realign your spine into its proper position.

So how do you know when your mattress is all tuckered out? AIM has these tips:

- Take a close look at your mattress. If you see hills and valleys, and lumps and bumps, your mattress is losing support. It's time for a new one.
- If your mattress creaks and and squeaks when you lie on it, it may be asking for retirement.
- Sit on the edge and check for support and see if it returns to its original shape.
- If you've had your mattress for more than 10 years and you haven't turned it regularly, chances are it's worn out.
- If your back hurts when you wake up in the morning, you probably need a new mattress.

Lie down on each model for several minutes and turn from side to side to check comfort and support in all positions.

Police seek suspect in car shooting

Virginia Beach police need your help in solving a shooting that occurred in 1996.

On Monday, Aug. 12 at around midnight, Jacquelyn Pratscher was going home with her husband and child. They were riding in their 1995 Plymouth van proceeding east on South Boulevard. The family had just passed the YMCA when they observed two vehicles on each side of their vehicle. The people on the side of Mrs. Pratscher fired a gun, striking her in the right cheek area.



Crime Solvers

By Det. Lou Chappell, Virginia Beach Police Department

The vehicles then left the area. The Pratscher family proceeded to the Plaza Fire Department, where she was transported to the hospital. The suspect vehicle was medium-size, silver or light blue.

Crime Solvers will pay up to $1,000 if you have information on this case or any other case which leads to an arrest. Call Crime Solvers at 427-0000.

Club Notes

Princess Anne Plaza Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at Plaza United Methodist Church, 208 S. Plaza Trail. For more information, call 463-2288.

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Wilma Egas, president-elect of SEVAC (AARP), will speak on "Enjoying Elderhostel Programs." Prior to the meeting at 12:30 p.m., the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure tests. Call 426-2302 or 427-5642 for information.

The Ocean Park Woman's Club will hold a card party/luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Church of Holy Family on Great Neck Road. There will be a bake sale, mini bazaar and a silent auction. The card party will start at 10 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. All proceeds from the fund-raiser will go to club projects and community improvements. Tickets are $10. For more information, call 464-1581 or 497-3202.

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News in Brief

Special speaker

Lisa Caputo, vice president of CBS Corporate Communications, will be the guest speaker for the third and final luncheon of the 1997 Central Business District Association's Women's Review Luncheon Series. Caputo also served as press secretary to Hillary Clinton during the presidential transition as well as during the 1992 Clinton-Gore campaign. The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Norfolk Airport Hilton, 1500 N. Military Hwy., The cost is $18.50. Reservations are required and will be accepted through Friday (today). For more information, call 490-7810.

Play on!

"Saul, Sam and the Song-and-Dance Man" will be presented by Regent University Theatre Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, Nov. 6-8 and Nov. 13-15 at 8 p.m. with matinees at 3 p.m. on Nov. 2, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. The play is a fun improvisation on a theme from Samuel. This touching tale closely follows the biblical account of Saul's humble beginning and the events leading to his life's tragic end. The music, humor and innovative storytelling of this original work offer audiences an unforgettable new look at a familiar Old Testament story. Call 579-4245 for reservations. Admission is $6 general entry, and $5 students, seniors and groups of 10 or more. The theatre is located on campus classroom building, Indian River Road and I-64.

Spirit of Healing

The Virginia Beach Breast and Cervical Cancer Coalition will present "In The Spirit of Healing," a multi-media performance of one woman's psychospiritual journey through breast cancer, offering hope and compassion and courage, on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, 2200 Parks Ave. This powerful story of transformation and healing includes photographic images by Beth Agresta; a dramatic reading of original poetry by Martha McClelland, expressive arts psychotherapist; and original musical compositions and lyrics by Susan Thomas. After the performance, the audience is invited to a reception and an opportunity to respond to the show through creative self-expression, including drawing, clay, writing and sand art. Although admission is free, a $2 donation is suggested. Call 425-0000 to reserve a seat.

Creepy crawlers

Rats, bats and leeches are not ingredients for witch's brew this Halloween season, but what you will find in the Virginia Marine Science Museum's Creepy Crawly Room. Located in the Owl's Creek Marsh Pavilion, the annual event is being held through Tuesday, Nov. 11 and is free with museum admission. Participants will encounter various live critters including spiders, scorpions, rats, bats and many, many others. There, participants can learn about creepy crawly critters, their accompanying common myths and why these creatures are not as creepy as most people think. Call 437-6015 for more information.

'Boats, Birds, Etc.'

The Old Coast Guard Station on the oceanfront in Virginia Beach will present "Boats, Birds, Etc.," an exhibit and sale of art by Tidewater artists Sara Moore and Shaw-Mei Shen. It opens Tuesday, Nov. 4 and runs through Sunday, Dec. 7. The exhibit in the museum's Lower Gallery is included in regular museum admission. The Old Coast Guard Station is located at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Author speaks

Brimmer's Books at London Bridge Shopping Center in Virginia Beach will present Portsmouth's Flo Wolin, author of "Love Never Ends," in honor of Lupus Awareness Month. A book-signing and discussion will be included in the Sunday gathering from 2 to 4 p.m. "Love Never Ends" is a tribute to Wolin's sister who died of lupus. Proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the Lupus Foundation, Central Virginia Chapter. In support of the Lupus Foundation, Brimmer's Books will donate 10 percent of its sales from Oct. 26-31. Call 631-6357 for further information.

Fishy Fun

The Virginia Marine Science Museum will host "Fishy Fun for Preschoolers" on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. or 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Designed for children aged 3 to 5, the program will focus on learning about Indians of the Chesapeake Bay and the toys they created and constructed through stories and hands-on activities. Cost of the event is $4 for museum members and $6 for non-members.

Chesapeake opposes Southeastern alignment, but is still willing to talk

Continued dialogue with Beach looks promising

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Chesapeake City Council has expressed a willingness to continue dialogue with Virginia Beach over the fate of the Southeastern Parkway and Greenbelt. At the same time council, in a resolution adopted Tuesday night, clearly opposes a proposed road alignment for the road that would pass through the middle of the Stillwater Farms subdivision.

Before adopting the resolution by a vote of 8-1, council added an amendment to the prepared resolution stating that the city is willing to work with Virginia Beach to devise or develop a mutually-agreeable alignment that will not adversely affect the citizens of Chesapeake.

Councilman W. Joe Newman, who voted against the resolution with the amendment, pointed out that the two resolutions passed previously by council asking the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) not to consider the Southeastern Parkway, then known as the Southeastern Expressway, did not add any language that would soften the opposition.

He said the more cumbersome the language became, the more confusing the issue will be.

Vice Mayor John W. Butt, never an enthusiastic supporter of the highway himself, said that would leave the door open.

"Then you're saying we will talk with them," replied Newman.

"You're saying you aren't even willing to talk," inserted Mayor William E. Ward.

The amendment was suggested by councilwoman Elizabeth Thornton, but the language finally used was suggested by Councilman John M. deTriquet.

DeTriquet said that the resolution makes it crystal clear that council recognizes that there are specific defects in the alignments.

He said that the defects are not limited to the impact on Stillwater Farms, a two-year-old community of 29 homes north of Kempsville Road, but include an impact on a future park in the Transamerica development, and future school sites in the Centerville Turnpike/Elbow Road area.

The city also has concerns about the amount of wetlands mitigation shown in Chesapeake and the unaddressed need for the future expansion of the Oak Grove Connector which also will be impacted.

De Triquet also said that adding the amendment does not weaken the city's stand.

What it does is recognize the issue which is very important to in Virginia Beach. And since the issue will come back again, he said, the city should not put itself in a position where it is not willing or able to talk.

He said that a newspaper editorial said that the project would be good "for all of us," but that "to be good for all of us it has to be fair to all of us."

De Triquet continued that it may take a long period of time, if ever, to agree, but that council should never give the perception of closing the door of negotiation, not to anyone.

The resolution was proposed by Newman at the Oct. 14 meeting after residents of Stillwater Farms, who had just recently heard of the proposed alignment through their property, taking

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Halloween haunting in full swing

By Chris Smith
Correspondent

When Linda Chapell inherited Taylor Farms, it was an old-fashioned horse operation. But when Dam Neck Road was built right down the middle, the horses were shipped off and the farm was left a shadow of its former self.

This Halloween, however, it will be resurrected — with a vengeance, you might say.

Taylor Farms will offer a choice of haunted walks and hayrides for youngsters and adults. Young children can get pint-sized thrills on the $3 Children's Walk, which includes the Victorian playhouse and the Gingerbread House where a clown doles out candy.

All is not laughs on this walk though, and live actors and special effects will ensure that little trick or treaters will get their share of scare.

Those ready for monster-sized willies can take the $7 Dismal Swamp Hayride/Walk.

A troupe of professional actors hidden among fiberglass creatures devised and painted by local artists will scare the bejeebers out of just about anyone. Elaborate special lighting adds to the scenario. The horror begins each night at 6 p.m. and runs through midnight daily until Nov. 2. Bring your hiking boots and hold your heart firmly in your hands as you make this terrifying trek.

For more information, call 427-6428. The farm is located just west of London Bridge Road on Dam Neck Road.

The hauntings are just a small part of this farm's big new beginnings. Chapell has decided to start a new chapter in the history of Taylor Farms by resurrecting it as a

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First Green Sea Festival opens eyes to watershed

By Aune Kirk
Correspondent

Organizers of the area's first environmental Green Sea Festival knew they had to take what Mother Nature dealt them.

More than 500 people showed up Saturday despite cloudy skies and the threat of rain to attend the celebration of natural resources in the Southern Watershed Area of Virginia. The event was jointly hosted by the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

With the excitement of fall, participants drank in the fresh air and explored the wide open space of Northwest River Park. They listened to music, danced, played games, soared high on swings, watched blacksmith demonstrations, made new friends and learned more about their environment.



Photo by Aune Kirk

YUMMY STUFF! Deloris Elliott found the games especially appealing when the reward turned out to be fistfuls of candy.

Gerald Strickland, his sister, April Elliot, and her children from North Carolina joined others dancing to the music of Stingray.

"We came for the festivities, the puppet shows and the music," Strickland said. "I like the country and the woods."

Elliot agreed.

"Our family always comes here," Elliot said, referring to the park.

According to festival coordinator Cindy Butler, the event was designed to emphasize the importance of protecting and preserving the watershed area, and to promote the vast recreational opportunities it provides for the community.

The Southern Watershed Area is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the Great Dismal Swamp on the west. The area comprises three primary watersheds — Back Bay, North Landing River, and Northwest River.

The Back Bay watershed is in Virginia Beach, the Northwest River watershed in Chesapeake and the North Landing River watershed in both cities.

Butler was pleased with the turnout and the representation of more than 20 exhibitors who came to share information on the area and the special activities they provided.

Butler especially enjoyed the game of "turtle hurdles" which showed the life cycle of the loggerhead turtle and

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Drug-Free Day seeks commitment



Photo by Victoria Hecht

DRUG-FREE DAY. Bob Bobulinski of the Virginia Beach-based Making A Difference Foundation and Reaching Out Against Drugs chairman Evelyn Hill are expecting teens to make a commitment against drugs at Saturday's Mt. Trashmore event.

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Evelyn Hill, chairman of Saturday's Drug-Free Day observance at Mt. Trashmore, is convinced that if Reaching Out Against Drugs (ROAD) "makes a little noise, something will happen."

That something, organizers hope, is a commitment by Hampton Roads' young people to do more than "Just Say No." ROAD wants users to make the decision to break the habit and educate others not to start.

"I'm concerned not only about our youths, but what drugs can do to all of us," said Hill, a former military wife who took up the cause in 1982 after reading about a drug-related incident aboard the USS Saipan. "It was getting into the military, and that concerned me a lot."

At first she distributed brochures to high schools about the evils and health concerns stemming from drug abuse.

"But after that I really didn't know what else to do. I was at a loss," Hill said.

In 1992, however, she met Del. Bob McDonnell at a Christmas party and shared her desire to see an All-American Drug-Out Day, much like All-American Smoke-Out Day. At the next month's General Assembly session, the first Virginia Drug-Out Day was declared for Sept. 27, 1993.

That same year Hill and others began working on the Beach's first Drug-Free Day at Mt. Trashmore. Although the observance date locally is Saturday, this marks its fifth anniversary.

Subsequent Drug-Free Days were held at the Virginia Beach Farmers' Market, but this year the event returns to its original site.

Joining this effort in 1997 ROAD is Bob Bobulinski's Making A Difference Foundation, an organization geared to

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Commentary

JUST A REMINDER

Right on time

When you turn back your clock on Sunday, don't fall behind in checking your family's smoke detector.

Each day in the United States, an average of three youngsters die in home fires — 1,100 children each year. About 3,600 youngsters are injured. Many of these tragedies could be avoided with a working smoke detector.

The 10th Annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" home fire program, sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and more than 4,000 fire departments nationwide, including those in Hampton Roads, is out to change that. Supporters are enlisting children of all ages to urge parents, guardians and neighbors to make a habit of changing their smoke detector batteries when they change their clocks back to standard time in the autumn.

In addition, the Tidewater Builders Association's (TBA) Multifamily Housing Council and area fire departments are reminding apartment dwellers about this potentially lifesaving precaution at daylight-savings time this year. In 1996, the campaign reached more than 112,000 individuals in more than 45,000 South Hampton Roads apartment units.

This year, mayors from all Southside cities have also proclaimed Oct. 26 as "TBA Check Your Smoke Detector Day."

"Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" organizers know through statistics that home fires can kill selectively and disproportionately — often claiming the lives of those most defenseless. Ironically, one of the most powerful solutions to this problem is a simple, inexpensive device found in 92 percent of American homes — the smoke detector.

But it has to work to be effective.

Smoke detector maintenance is one of the simplest, most effective ways to survive a home fire. A working smoke detector reduces by nearly one-half the risk of dying in a home fire by providing an early warning. Yet as many as one-fourth of these life-saving devices are not working because of old or missing batteries.

A simple reminder to change your smoke detector battery before it could be too late? It's easy; do just what the campaign says and "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery." It could be the most important minute you spend "falling back." — V.E.H.



Letters to the Editor

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Letters to the editor

PETA wages 'meaty' war on tax issue

Editor:

Columnist Jamie Brown states that some national vegetarian organization will want meat taxed because they think it's bad for you ("Blame yourself, not the advertisers").

He's right. Meat producers should be taxed, just like gas, tobacco and alcohol producers, because not only is meat causing heart diseases and cancer, it also is killing our environment. For example:

■ More than half of all water used in the United States is used to raise animals for food. A vegetarian diet requires 300 gallons of water per day: a carnivorous one, 4,200 gallons per day.

■ Forty-five percent of the total land in the United States is used to raise animals for food. A vegetarian requires one-sixth acre of land to feed himself each year; a carnivore requires 3 1/4 acres.

■ More than half of all water pollution is directly attributable to animal agriculture. For example, cows produce 20 times more excrement than human beings do— 230,000 pounds per second. Much of this ends up in our water.

■ Of all the raw materials and fossil fuels used in the United States, more than one-third go to raise animals for food.

■ We have permanently lost three-fourths of our topsoil in the United States; 85 percent of this loss is directly due to the raising of animals for food.

■ Rain forests, vital to earth's oxygen supply and thousands of animal and plant species are being destroyed at a lethal rate; the top cause is the raising of animals for food.

Those who choose to eat meat should pay an excise tax on every purchase. By standard economic design, we should set the tax at 8 cents per pound, which would be paid by the manufacturer. Meat prices would go up only a few cents per pound, as part of the tax would be absorbed by the corporations and part of it would be passed on to consumers, as are the gas, tobacco and alcohol taxes.

Since Brown is worried about vegetables' feelings, he should go vegetarian. Vegetarians consume far less vegetables and grain than those who process these items through animals.

Carla Bennett
People for the Ethical
Treatment of Animals
Norfolk

Coach, former delegate warns of 'dance date'

Editor:

If you go to the dance, you had better dance with the one who brought you! Pat Robertson paid Jim Gilmore $100,000 to take him to the dance. Need I say more?

My name is Coach Billy O'Brien. I coached football and taught at Great Bridge High School for 37 years. I was also a member of the House of Delegates for 18 years. My mentor, Thomas Jefferson, said, "The lottery is a wonderful thing, it lays the taxation only on the willing." My lottery bill has made the Commonwealth of Virginia over $3 billion and made Virginia more millionaires than the New York Stock Exchange.

The message I bring to you is that teachers can make a difference. I did, and you should too. Pat Robertson can also make a difference. Which do you want? I still remember my first grade teacher, Ms. Hawkins. Sixth-three years ago she taught me to read. I still love her. If you truly believe in what you are doing, 24 hours a day helping the future of our nation, our state and the most precious possession of parents . . . the children, then I suggest you do everything within your heart to see that Pat Robertson doesn't take us to the dance with Jim Gilmore.

I know Don Beyer. He is a friend of mine and yours. For the next few weeks, do what doctors, lawyers, CEOs of corporations and some preachers do . . . get political in lobbying for Don Beyer.

For God's sake, don't let Pat Robertson take us to the dance!

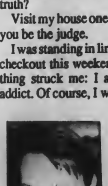
Billy O'Brien
Virginia Beach

Multiplying magazines make merry mess

Myriads of magazines multiplying? Is it all in my mind or simply the truth?

Visit my house one time and I'll let you be the judge.

I was standing in line at the grocery checkout this weekend when something struck me: I am a magazine addict. Of course, I was perusing the latest issue of *First* when the realization occurred.



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

But that didn't stop me from buying *First* and a *Woman's World* to boot!

As a child I got the typical magazines created for youngsters, *Highlights* and *Weekly Reader*. By junior high I had developed a voracious reading appetite for *Young Miss*, *17*, *Teen Beat* and other mags specifically for the junior crowd. By high school, I was hooked on *Madamoiselle* and *Glamour*.

Reading magazines isn't much of a problem. It's refusing to throw them out.

Very early on — third grade, if I recall — my teacher pronounced me a "pack rat" when she looked into my desk. I saved everything: scribbled bits of paper, nubs of pencils, aluminum foil, bottle caps, you name it.

I thought I was being thrifty. Others thought I was just messy.

But the biggest problem I had later on, and still do to this day, is magazines. I just can't get rid of them. Throw away or even recycle something I paid $2.95 for? Never!

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So the magazines proliferate and proliferate and proliferate. I have so much bathroom reading material now that a guest could relax on the can for a good week and not grow bored.

Last week I decided to take stock of my subscriptions and store-bought magazines. The way I look at it, publishers should thank me for keeping them in ink because I read, well, way too many.

On the "domestic" list — those geared for housewives, mothers and the like — there's *Ladies Home Journal*, *First*, *Woman's World*, *Woman's Day*, *Country Woman*, *McCall's*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Redbook* and about three others that I know I receive but can't remember the title.

For the "trendy" woman, I read *Glamour*, *Madamoiselle* and *Cosmopolitan*, the latter being by husband's decision for me to take. True to my heritage, I also take *Southern Living* (a gift from Mom) and fill my appetite for recipes with *Taste of Home*. I used to take *Martha Stewart Living* for the decorator in me, but that subscription was a bit pricey. To stay current on media issues, I also take *American Journalism Review*.

That's it, for now. But that's not to say I won't be sending off for another subscription some time soon.

And that doesn't even cover Evan's subscriptions. Yes, my husband is a magazine addict as well.

Golf and *Golf Digest* tee off at our home once a month, and *Sports Illustrated* and *The Sporting News* go for the gold in the Hecht household. Computer magazines, being that Evan is a computer guru, multiply faster than dishes in the sink. *VARBusiness*, *Computer Digest* and *Resellers News* quickly come to mind.

My husband is also scientific-minded, so *Discover* appears in the mailbox monthly, as does *Popular Mechanics*. There are many others, but I can't recall the titles. I end up tossing them on a growing pile that Evan swears he's going to read one day. I'll believe it when I see it.

I credit the magazine mania on my part to Mom and Dad, who never met a *National Geographic* and *Smithsonian* they didn't like. We had an entire bookcase filled with the yellow and black covered *Geographics* dating from the '60s.

If an addict gets a racing pulse and untamed excitement when their particular "fix" is around, I fit the mold. One magazine and I'm gone. I've got to have another, another and another.

I can't count how many nights Evan has told me to turn off the night light while I lay huddled with my latest copy of *Good Housekeeping*.

I've tried to break the habit, but it's not working. I tried parting with my old magazines by giving them friends and coworkers. But not all the magazines. I always have a few (many?) choice issues to sock away.

Then they multiply, multiply and multiply.

I can only pray that more telemarketers don't call offering me a discounted subscription to the newest reads. My fortitude is weak. I will surely subscribe.

Magazines? Never met one I didn't like.

Bed-hopping Clinton really no different

In all fairness to Bill Clinton, he is not the only president to be accused of scandalous behavior with women either before or after election to the presidency.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

We all know about his 12-year undenied affair with Jennifer Flowers and the alleged Paula Jones case, which he has denied and which allegedly took place while he was governor of Arkansas. There is no proof that he has strayed since his election to the presidency.

The father of our country, George Washington, is alleged to have openly showered his affections on Sally Fairfax, the wife of his best friend, and was suspected of having an affair with her. He was also accused of fathering several children by his slaves.

Like Washington, Thomas Jefferson has been the target of innumerable sexual innuendoes. But, the chief charge — that he carried on for years with a beautiful slave named Sally Hemmings — seems to have had more substance than the criticisms leveled against Washington.

Then there was the famous failed love affair that Abraham Lincoln had with Ann Rutledge, the "only woman Lincoln ever loved." Warren Harding was indeed an adulterer. The most notorious affair involved Nan Britton, who claimed she had sexual relations with Harding in the White House and that he fathered her child.

In the 1960s there surfaced 200 love letters that gave indisputable evidence of Harding's relationship with Carrie Phillips, the beautiful wife of a Marion, Ohio businessman. But the affair, which began in 1909, ended in 1920 before Harding assumed the presidency.

Dwight D. Eisenhower never denied a torrid adulterous love affair with his English female driver, Kay Summersby, while he served as Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe. Eisenhower is said to have written Gen. George Marshal advising him that he planned to divorce Mamie, his wife, and marry Summersby. When President Truman heard about it, he sent Eisenhower word that if he went through with the divorce that he would demote him to private.

John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson both were accused of affairs before and after they became president. Kennedy was probably the worst. According to Judith Exner, girlfriend of a mafia boss, she was shacking up with John at the White House in Jackie's bed. He also had an affair with Marilyn Monroe until her mysterious death.

Even the beloved Franklin Roosevelt had his moments with his secretary. The Bible says adultery is not justified, but after looking at Eleanor, a good case could be made.

Welcome to the real world.

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Agriculture crops up as integral part of Beach past, future

Agriculture adds to the diversity of the city. The rural charm of the southern part of the city makes it attractive to both residents and visitors.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

Virginia Beach has a proud agricultural heritage. In fact, agriculture, so important to Virginia Beach's economy in the past as well as the present, is even depicted in the inner circles of our City Seal by a wreath of strawberry leaves.

Agriculture was in Virginia Beach many years before Capt. John Smith and the three ships landed at Cape Henry in April 1607. The Indians were growing corn, squash and tobacco. Corn has continued to be a major crop for more than 300 years.

The early settlers occupied the well-drained sandy soils bordering Lynnhaven River, Pungo Ridge and Back Bay. Several of the original farmhouses are still standing today. Settlement continued into the wetter soil as drainage ditches were dug.

Early agriculture consisted of raising corn, wheat and livestock for subsistence and tobacco as a cash crop. During the 1920s, a transportation system was developed to Norfolk and major cities to the north. This created a shift from grain to vegetable crops.

Potatoes, strawberries, sweet potatoes and greens were grown on relatively large acreage. In addition to transporting passengers, the railroad to Munden Point was constructed to move white potatoes. Potato grading stations were located at Back Bay, Pungo and Euclid. Dairying was also an important industry with more than 40 dairies in the city during the late 1940s. Most of the milk was consumed in Norfolk.

Nearly all the farms produced poultry with chickens, turkeys ducks and wild and tame geese. Princess Anne County turkeys are still in great demand and produced today by a few farmers.

The production of sheep, primarily for wool, was a major industry. Hogs and beef cattle were produced for local consumption and for sale to markets in Norfolk.

The first agriculture fair in Virginia was held in Kempsville in 1952. The descendants of the farmers who proudly displayed their products are still farming in our city today.

Agriculture today is a major industry in Virginia Beach. The economic impact of agriculture ranks third behind the military and tourism industries. According to the Census of Agriculture, there are 156 farms in the city, resulting in approximately 32,700 acres of land under cultivation. In 1996, the economic impact of the agricultural community was estimated at more than $70.1 million, based on products valued at approximately $21.9 million.

The major crops are corn, wheat and soybeans. The long growing season permits soybeans to be grown as a second crop following the harvest of winter wheat. Most of the grain is exported through the ports; however, some grain is marketed by feeding it to hogs. Yields are usually the highest or among the highest in the state.

There are about 2,500 acres of high value crops such as white potatoes, strawberries, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, blueberries and ornamentals. Many of the vegetables are marketed by pick-you-own, roadside stands and the city's Farmer's Market located at the intersection of Dam Neck and Princess Anne Roads.

The city has been a leading producer of hogs and is currently ranked fourth in the state with about 75,000 market hogs sold annually.

Agriculture adds to the diversity of the city. The rural charm of the southern part of the city makes it attractive to both residents and visitors.

To help ensure that agriculture remains a viable industry in Virginia Beach, the City Council in 1995 approved the Agricultural Reserve Program (ARP). The objective of this program is to support the agricultural community by helping to keep the land base available for farming, minimize the impact of residential development in agricultural areas, help protect environmentally sensitive areas and defer the need for major urban infrastructure improvements in the southern rural part of the city.

This is a voluntary program which allows the city to purchase development rights from landowners and hold them in perpetuity. To date, 54 ARP applications have been received, and the city has purchased the development rights for 2,283 acres. The city's goal is to purchase development rights for 20,000 acres.

Agriculture in Virginia Beach remains competitive due to highly productive soils, good managers, long growing season, usually adequate rainfall distribution and proximity to markets.

As far as trends are concerned, it is projected that traditional grain crops such as corn, wheat and soybeans will continue to occupy the largest acreage. However, there is a gradual shift to high value specialty crops such as small fruit and vegetables.

This trend is consistent with farming near most metropolitan areas. Swine production will probably remain about the same with some expansion by existing producers.

Farmers are confronted with many challenges, such as technological changes, intrusion of non-farm rural residents and environmental concerns; however, agriculture will remain a viable industry in Virginia Beach for many years to come.

George Denice, administrative assistant for the Virginia Beach Department of Agriculture, contributed to this column.

Crime Solvers 'expose' suspect



Crime Solvers

By Det. Lou Chappell, Virginia Beach Police Department

On Monday, June 16 at about 1 p.m., two juveniles were walking on Regency Drive near Queen Catherine Court when they were approached by a man driving a vehicle. He stated to them he was looking for his dog and then drove off. The juveniles were later approached by the same man who attempted to entice them where he might expose himself. The juveniles refused and quickly left the area.



Suspect

The suspect is white, in his early 30s, approximately 5-feet-10-inches tall with dirty blond hair. He was wearing a red T-shirt and denim cut-off shorts and was driving a red, two-door, medium-size vehicle.

Crime Solvers will pay up to $1,000 for information on this crime or any other crime. Call 427-0000.

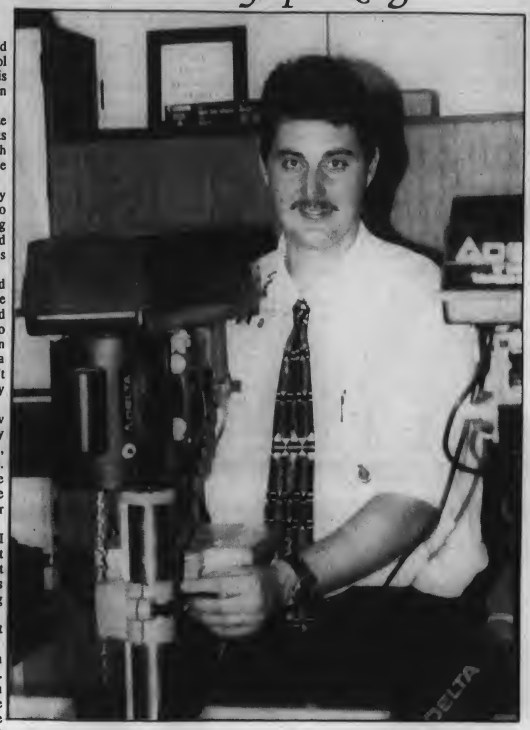
Volunteer readers sought

Linkhorn Park Elementary is looking for reading partners to read with students for 30 minutes each week. This is a wonderful opportunity to help a student develop those important reading skills. Call the school for details, 437-4895.

Up close and personal

Kevin Pace: Technically speaking

By Victoria Hecht
Editor



Kevin Pace is "wired" for teaching, and now the Deep Creek High School electronics instructor has the proof — this year's statewide Technology Education Teacher of the Year Award.

A Dam Neck resident and 1986 graduate of First Colonial High School, Pace credits his own shop teacher, Maynard West, with providing the inspiration for a career in the classroom.

Now he's returning the favor by introducing a new generation of students to technology education by instructing electronics, physics for technology, and power and transportation for the school's Controlled Technology component.

"My high school teacher guided me and had a huge influence," Pace explained. "He took us all out to Old Dominion and introduced us to the right people by trying to do the right thing for us. I had an interest in woodworking and thought I'd end up being a woodworking teacher. Now I'm glad I didn't because that was my hobby — that was my love, which I still enjoy today."

At college he met Fred Culpepper, now chairman of the Vocational Advisory Council for Chesapeake Public Schools, who guided Pace into electronics. Culpepper, noting the young man's aptitude for the science, made Pace think twice about a field of teaching he'd never considered.

"Electronics is such a vast field, and I was always scared of the math. When it got right down to it, I realized I could do it. But I doubt there's anyone in the world who has really mastered electronics. I'm still trying to learn one little facet at a time."

He must be doing something right considering the statewide accolade.

"I think it says good things about what I'm doing here at school — and about my kids. If they've been successful, then I've been successful. I tell my wife it's probably one of the few honors I'll be able to treasure later on — something that you'll only get once in your career. It just came so quickly for me."

Signing on in Chesapeake as a long-term substitute teacher at Oscar Smith High School in 1990, he joined Deep Creek the following year and has been there since.

Affectionately known as "Pace" to his students, he is one of those teachers with a genuine enthusiasm for his work.

"But it does wear you down," Pace good-naturedly admitted, referring to the around-the-clock work that he and his students had been doing on a homecoming float for weeks.

"And imagine being asked a thousand questions a day," he added. "I truly get enjoyment out of their excitement. Physically, though, it's demanding. I always wondered why my shop teacher Mr. West would take a minute before he answered questions sometimes. Now I know why. Things start swimming up in your head and you have to get it all straight."

At 29, Pace has seen the evolution of technology education of the traditional "vo-tech" to some sophisticated learning.

"Technology education has evolved from industrial arts. Where industrial arts helped the kids go out and get a job in the trade field, technology education is still preparing them for the workplace — but through today's means, computers. One of the biggest reasons that technology education became what it is today is that they wanted a new name to associate with changing times. It's not vo-tech; technology education is more than that. We're moving at a faster pace and teaching with the materials you'd find in the workplace."

Pace is so enthusiastic about the subject that in the summers he teaches technology education to middle school children, hoping to pique their interest at an early age.

"The kids always say to me, 'Mr. Pace, why do you teach? Teachers don't make any money. You could make so much more.' I'm sure there are better jobs out there, but everything isn't tied up in the dollar bill. I enjoy my work and love getting up every morning. Too many people worry about how much money they're going to make, not doing what they what to do."

"I think it says good things about what I'm doing here at school — and about my kids. If they've been successful, then I've been successful."

Kevin Pace,
Deep Creek High School teacher

Name: Kevin Pace.

What brought you to this area: I was born at Leigh Memorial Hospital in Norfolk and was raised from the age of 5 by my father's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Pace.

Hometown: Virginia Beach.

Age: 29.

Nickname: The kids refer to me as Pace.

Occupation: Electronics instructor at Deep Creek High School, the best high school in Chesapeake!

Marital Status: I have a lovely wife, Michelle, who reminds me of all the things that I forget, such as important meetings, and is always very supportive of my endeavors at work — even when the hours get long.

Children: My son is 7, going on 20, and is a very good roller hockey player on the Strawbridge Sharks hockey team. He and his team won the gold medal in the Virginia State Games hockey tournament Pee-Wee Division.

Favorite movies: "Die Hard II."

Magazines I read regularly: *The Speed Skating Times* and *Tech Directions*, the journal for technology teachers.



Favorite author: Edgar Allen Poe.

Favorite night on the town: Dinner and a movie.

Favorite restaurant: Tradewinds at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel. The view of the bay from the dining room makes the atmosphere elegant.

Favorite meal and beverage: Crab-stuffed shrimp with iced tea.

What most people don't know about me: That I compete in in-line speed skating events.

Best thing about myself: I give 100 percent to whatever challenge faces me.

Worst habit: Not being able to relax.

Pets: Cocoa is our Minpin (dog). She is about 1 1/2 years old and we just found her a playmate. Casey is a Minpin/rat terrier mix about 8 weeks old. The two are a real handful.

Ideal vacation: A week in Colorado skiing with my family.

Hobbies: In-line speed skating, woodworking and mountain biking.

Pet peeves: Not keeping things clean at home and work.

First job: Bagging groceries at Giant Open Air Supermarket.

Worst job: Working for Pollard's Chicken. I lasted two days and couldn't stand the grease!

Favorite sports teams: Miami Dolphins and Chicago Bulls.

Favorite musicians: I love a wide variety of music, but I grew up with Rush and Van Halen.

Most embarrassing moment: While I was skiing at Seven Springs Resort, I was getting off the ski lift and got pushed backward by the people on both sides of me. I fell back with my feet locked in my ski boots and tore a knee ligament. I screamed for five minutes or more, holding up the lift while everyone just stared at me.

How I would like to be remembered: As a teacher who enjoyed teaching and went the extra mile for his students while teaching them real values.

If I received $1 million: I would pay off bills, help my family pay off some bills and celebrate with a family vacation to Colorado. I wouldn't quit work because I would be terribly bored.

If I have 10 minutes on national television: I would probably want to show the public some positive things we are doing with technology education and gain more support for putting money in education.

Green Sea Festival opens eyes to watershed

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how to protect it. She also enjoyed the life-size Bernstein Bears who don't pollute anymore, and the culture brought to life by a handful of blacksmiths who resurrected the lost art and created delicate roses, candlesticks, plant hangers, dinner bells and fireplace tools.

"Next year we'll order sun," Butler promised the participants. But no one seemed to mind.

Steve Secondino, fleet manager for Cavalier Ford, felt the same way. Cavalier Ford was one of the many sponsors of the event, and Secondino and his 12-year-old son, Michael, eagerly took advantage of the days festivities.

"The Green Sea Festival is new, it's a nice family event, and it's important to for us be a part of the different things in the Chesapeake community," Secondino said.

A single parent, Secondino looks for family-orientated functions to attend with his son. He supplied 25 pounds of candy and Michael supervised one of one the children's game. Secondino said his son made up his own rules, and all the children went away with handfuls of candy.

But neither father or son were concerned. Secondino laughed and joked with other exhibitors, and Michael and a friend parachuted from the playground swings between visitors.

Another exhibitor, Vicki Stewart from the Great Dismal Swamp Coalition, provided information on the swamp. Steward said she became involved with the coalition when the city of Chesapeake was considering a landfill in her area. She wanted to keep the land surrounding it safe and to preserve the natural beauty of the it. She particularly loves the cypress trees that grow in water in the Great Dismal Swamp, and she enjoys canoe and bike trips through the area.

Most of the swamp is closed for deer hunting until Nov. 1. However, information on available access, hours and free group orientations can be obtained by calling 986-3785.

For the blacksmiths, it was a day of explaining their craft to visitors, standing around their fires, talking and creating. The breeze through the open canopy kept he men cool and carried away the smoke from the burning coal. They worked slowly and carefully, almost relishing each blow their hammers made on the glowing red hot iron they laid on the cool, steel anvils.

Most of the men agreed they would love to just be able to do their art for a living. But, they still enjoy getting together at someone's forge or shop a few times a month and all are members of the Tidewater Blacksmith's Guild.

At 5 p.m., when the festival was over, park employees helped exhibitors prepare to leave so the park could be turned over its natural inhabitants. However, the park is open everyday from 9 a.m. until to sunset. A campground complete with fire rings is open until Dec. 1, and paddle boats and canoes are available to rent to explore the scenic Northwest River.

The watershed area was first described as the "green sea" in 1728 when William Byrd surveyed the area and found tremendous expanses of tall, green reeds.

The festival was sponsored by the cites of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, the Virginia Coast Program of the Environmental quality, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Hampton Roads Planning Commission. Other community sponsors included: Cavalier Ford, Volvo Penta and Virginia Power. Next year's festival will be held in Virginia Beach.



ALL IN THE TECHNIQUE. Local blacksmiths plied their trade at the Green Sea Festival.

Photo by Anne Kirk

Woodberry honors Beach teenager

Brian S. McCauley has been selected to one of the highest leadership positions at Woodberry Forest School. A senior, McCauley is one of 18 members of the Perfect Board which is responsible for administering the student-run honor system and assisting with dormitory supervision.



McCauley

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Brian McCauley of Virginia Beach.

The Prefects help educate students on the meaning of the honor system and hear cases of violations.

Halloween haunting in full swing

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hands-on learning experience for area school children. Helping her obtain this goal is horticulturist Tami Eilers, who is enthusiastic about its future potential.

"These are our Chincoteague ponies we bought at the auction this year. A male and female to help build our herd," she pointed out.

Soon they will join the other three Chinocoteague ponies the farm owns on several acres that will be open to school tours.

"I grew up on Marguerite Henry books," she added.

The most famous of which is "Misty of Chincoteague," which chronicles the famous July tradition of Chincoteague Island when wild horses are rounded up on Assateague and herded across the channel for a rodeo and auction.

The ponies are only a small part of the overall plan. Petunia and Wilbur the pigs will be available for petting along with miniature goats, miniature horses, and eventually fallow deer.

Eilers noted that the brighly-decorated stalls that depict life cycles of plants and animals.

"The stages are velcroed onto the backdrop, so we can take them off and let the kids put them back in order," she points out. One stall pictured a full-size cow. Eilers laughed as she pointed to the calves stabled there.

"They tried to nurse off the picture when we first put them in there?"

The children will also be taught how to pot plants and will have a classroom of over 220 acres to study crop growth. A fiberglass cow will be rigged so the students can learn how to milk a cow.

At the front of the farm is a child-sized Victorian playhouse with furniture and pictures painted on the wall.

"A number of acres will be allotted for u-pick strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and other crops in time," points out Eilers.

The farm is already home to the horses of the Virginia Beach Mounted Police. "It is so interesting to watch them work with the horses," says Eilers, "that we hope to make that a part of our tours."



By Chris Smith

BOO! A not-so-scary surprise awaits at Taylor Farms' gingerbread house. Linda Chappell is the operator.

Taylor Farms isn't the only farm planted in the middle of busy Virginia Beach.

Not far away at the Hunt Club Farm Market at 2400 London Bridge Rd., revelers can ride the original Haunted Hayride before taking a saunter through the Haunted Graveyard.

Ten dollars buys you a ticket to both, or $7 for those 6 to 10 years of age. This horrific experience will be offered from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. during the week and 7 p.m. to midnight weekends through Nov. 1.

The many staff members that plan and man this scary duo like to point out that they are the "original" haunted hayride. They also offer special activities such as the annual "Scream Queen" contest, a pumpkin smashing contest, and "Scary-oke."

Celebrities will be present. But bring your courage not your autograph book when you meet Kane Hodder, Jason of "Friday the 13th" or Gunnar Hansen, Leatherface of the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

Younger children can enjoy an afternoon hayride weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekdays from 3 to 5 p.m. The cost is $2. For more information, call the 24 hours haunted hotline at 459-4275.

Hunt Club is also a year-round affair that rents out an on-site shelter for private parties and company shingdigs.

In Chesapeake, now through Halloween, the 30- minute Ghost Train ride will terrify even the stout of heart. It runs every half hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest River Park today through Oct. 25 and Oct. 27-29. Tickets are on sale now at $5 and must be purchased in advance. They are available at the camp store daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with a limit of 15 tickets per person. For more information, call the park, 421-7151.

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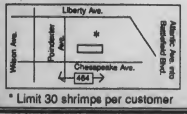
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Women in workplace honored

Mayor's proclamation presented to club

By Irma E. Bell
Club Correspondent

The Princess Anne Business and Professional Women's Club was presented a proclamation by Mayor Meyera Oberndorf recently observing Oct. 20-26 as National Business Women's Week.

Oberndorf spoke briefly on women's issues in the legislature and some of the accomplishments of women in recent years. BPW began National Business Women's Week on (NBWW) Oct. 19 with members attending worship service in a body at the Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church.

The concept of a week recognizing and honoring the contributions of working women was the brainchild of Emma Dot Partridge, executive secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs from 1924 to 1927. The first annual observance of NBWW was held in 1928, and the National President Lena Madison Phillips opened the first observance with speech broadcast nationally by radio hook-up.

In her provocative address on "Business and Women Power," Phillips explained the purpose of National Business Women's Week was to "focus the public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world."

Over the years, NBWW has become an event widely recognized by public and private institutions and local communities. Each U.S. President since Herbert Hoover has opened the first day of NBWW with a letter recognizing the contributions and achievements of working women. In addition, on the state and local levels, governors and mayors often issue similar proclamations.

Though women have more business and professional opportunities today than in 1928, the program outlined for the first observance of NBWW is still relevant to current challenges. The celebration of National Business Women's Week has furthered the leadership roles of women and increased opportunities for their advancement professionally and personally.

The local Princess Anne BPW of Virginia meets on the second Monday of the month at Holiday Inn Surfside. For further information, call Mary L'Italien at 499-0271.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, right, presents a proclamation to Princess Anne Business and Professional Womens Club president Irma Bell, center, and legislative chairmen Carmen Lopez recognizing Oct. 20-26 as National Business and Professional Women's Week.

Anglers cast for prizes

The state's top fishermen will be angling for prizes and spots on the 1998 state team during the Virginia B.A.S.S. Federation's State Classic this Saturday and Sunday.

During the tournament, 160 fishermen from eight regions in the state will try to qualify for two positions on the 1998 Virginia team, which consists of 13 members. Anglers qualified through their regions to participate in this invitation-only tournament and will be competing for a total pay back of $7,000 as well as additional.

Munden Point will be both the launch and weigh-in site. Weigh-in times are 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The event is free.

Younger anglers can also cast their lines in the Bassmaster Casting Kids Contest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Entry is free and rods and reels will be supplied. Sponsored by K-Mart and Zebco, the contest includes categories for children ages 7-10 and 11-14.

Winners in each category will compete in the state championship in Richmond. From there, winners will participate in the Nationals in Knoxville, Tenn. in April. On the national level, children compete for $225,000 in scholarships and prizes.

For more information about the tournament, call the Virginia B.A.S.S. Federation, 428-4280.

Artists see life through lens

"Life Is But A Dream," a collection of diverse photographic images by a trio of photographers including Christina Moscone, Gloria A. Ferguson and Jacqueline Camire, will be on view at The Artists Gallery soon.

Moscone of Shootz Photography Studio exhibits her unique hand-painted and manipulated black and white surreal photographic collages. Moscone's work was featured recently in an international art magazine.

A former newspaper reporter, Ferguson of New York City is recipient of the 1995 Earth Day Award for her photograph of a restored mill pond, sees her work as telling a story.

Camire, a New Hampshire native, specializes in nature and landscape photography. An award-winning photographer, she was also given a National Merit Award for her work.

"Life Is But A Dream" begins with an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Artists Gallery, 2407 Pacific Ave. The exhibition remains on view through Dec. 1. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from, Tuesday through Saturday.

Strawbridge honored

Strawbridge Elementary School has been designated as an Exemplary Technology Practices School in the Elementary Division by the Virginia Department of Education.

It is the only Virginia Beach school so made and one of only 12 so honored this year. The designation is based on technology education experiences integrated into the total elementary school curriculum.



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■ Tell children that treats must not be eaten until they get home. Be sure to carefully inspect all goodies. Inquire with the local hospital to see whether than can X-ray treats, but

cross, and then only at pedestrian crossings.

There is no real "trick" to making Halloween costumes safe, yet fun. However, this aspect of the holiday has its own set of

■ Plan costumes early. Choose outfits made with light-colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective trap can be used to make children even more visible.

Halloween Express

Make Up & Dress Up

Camporee Scouts come prepared for action



KEEPING AMERICA BEAUTIFUL. First Class Scout Charles Watford of Troop 445 tidies his area after lunch.

By Bob Ruegsegger
Correspondent

The Naval Security Group Activity Northwest welcomed district Boy Scouts for the annual Fall Camporee in Chesapeake recently.

Campmaster Bill Dora couldn't have been more pleased with the assistance that he received from NSGA Northwest officials in preparing and organizing Camporee. This year's theme was "Be Prepared," and the base authorities were prepared to aid the Scouting program in any way possible.

"The only thing better than the facilities here are the people at the base that I've worked with to make this happen," said Dora.

"They have gone out of their way, bent over backwards to make sure that we have everything that we need to make this a safe and enjoyable weekend," he explained.

According to Dora, the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of America is one of the five oldest councils in the United States. "There's some contention from others," Dora acknowledges, "but that's good enough for us."

The Tidewater Council includes a number of districts which are primarily divided by city boundaries and encompasses Scout units as far south as Cape Hatteras in North Carolina.

"So we're a very, very old council. Of course, the name PAVAB grew up with Princess Anne County so when we became a city, rather than rename it, they added PA and VAB together. That's Princess Anne-Virginia Beach," the campmaster explained.

"We're a rather large council," said Dora. "And we're very good at what we do. We're a very organized council and we're getting even better," he added.

There were 622 Boy Scouts registered for the weekend event.

"But we have a membership drive going on this fall right up through February, and we need another 1,500 Scouts on top of what we have," Dora explained. "We're very close to our goal."

But there's more to it than just recruiting large numbers Dora insisted.

"Of course, you have to have the numbers, but then you have to do something with them once you get them," he said.

"What do you offer the boys who join Scouting in your council? What do you do for them? What programs, opportunities, and training do you provide?" Dora asked rhetorically.

The Fall Camporee was a small part of the PAVAB program package.

"This is the third camporee that I've run," Dora said. "And it's a job," he admitted. "The first thing that I have to do as campmaster is to find a competent staff that can help me," Dora explained. "I can't do it myself — definitely not a one man operation," he acknowledged.

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>
> **Bill Dora, campmaster**

Dora and his staff of twelve were all volunteers. "They're all dedicated Scouters and parents — we get not a dime for this — no renumeration," emphasized Dora. "I give them a shirt. That's their 'thank you' for the weekend," he smiled. "For all the work they have to put in, that's not much," Dora allowed.

While serving on the Fall Camporee committee is certainly not lucrative in monetary terms, it does have its rewards.

"We have a reward in that we see what our end result is," Dora declared.

"These are the 600 boys that you don't read or hear about in the headlines or on the news. We have 600 out here doing something that not many people know about," Dora stressed. "They're out here learning about themselves — what their capabilities and their limitations are," he contended.

Dora pointed across the open field where teams of Scouts were engaged in various competitions relating to the weekend theme of emergency preparedness.

"Like the monkey bridge over here," he indicated. "It doesn't look like much. It's not very high — just six or seven feet off the ground," he said. "Until you get up on top and you're on that 2-inch rope balancing in the air," he added.

That's where Scouts can learn about the struggle between fear and determination.

Do they have the will to climb back on after they have fallen and finish it? Or do they get up and quit? Do they have the determination to succeed? Each Scout who participates leaves with a very personal answer.

Other competitive activities involved identifying edible plants, conducting emergency rescues, and applying survival techniques.

"We can teach them the raw skills like how to tie a knot, how to join ropes, and how to make a litter," Dora said.

The emphasis was on applying those basic skills in a practical way during an emergency situation. The focus was on accomplishing a task rather than on demonstrating the skill.

"We have given them a problem — as much as we can approximate a real-life situation, and they're supposed to use the Scouting skills that they've learned in their troop meetings," Dora said. "They're supposed to figure out what to do and we score them accordingly."

"Be Prepared," the Scout motto, is in reality a dual admonition: Be prepared to take care of yourself and also to help others who may need your assistance.

Learning to apply Scouting skills to practical situations should help PAVAB Scouts to be ready to overcome the obstacles and handle the emergencies that they'll surely encounter in their hike through the woods of life.

Hampton Roads on the Move

MC Direct expands to East Coast with its new operations center

MC Direct, a direct response marketing company based in Poway, Calif., has opened its first East Coast operations center at 2401 Bowland Pkwy. in Virginia Beach.

The announcement was made by Raymond G. Ellis, president and CEO of MC Direct and Donald L. Maxwell, director of the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development. The 20,000-square-foot production facility, built by Oceana Development of Virginia Beach, will house state-of-the-art high-speed laser, folding, inserting and bindery equipment to support the company's client base east of the Mississippi.



Ellis

Beginning with 25 employees, the operations center is scheduled to grow to over 50 employees by year-end and up to 100 employees within three years.

The Virginia Beach site was chosen following a multi-state, multi-city selection process to determine the ideal location for the company's expansion to the East Coast with the cooperation of the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance and the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development. The company's investment in the new facility exceeds one million dollars, exclusive of lease costs, payroll and furnishings.

"Virginia Beach had what we were looking for, the quality of the labor force; convenient access to major East Coast cities; transportation; a readily available pool of quality vendors and suppliers; and a pro-active business environment," Ellis said.

MC Direct is a $120 million direct marketing response company with over 140 employees in seven locations across the country. The company's services include database design, development and management; strategic planning; creative development and execution; laser personalization; lettershop services; mail processing and post program performance analysis. MC Direct clients include: Bank of America, Comerica Bank, PacificCare, Intuit, Symantec, Microsoft, American Indian College Fund and the Smithsonian Institute.

"MC Direct is another example of the type of company that enhances our workforce and provides meaningful employment for high quality, professionally trained personnel," said Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf.

Hampton Roads area to share in $6 million fund

The Hampton Roads area is one of seven regions that will share in a $6 million state fund to encourage counties, cities and towns to work together to become more economically competitive.

The Hampton Roads Partnership will receive $2,215,473 under the newly-created Regional Competitiveness Program.

The Regional Competitiveness Program rewards localities that form partnerships among business, government and education leaders and implement a regional plan to improve economic competitiveness. The Urban Partnership, a coalition of 17 local governments, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Virginia business leaders, developed legislation that created the program because it saw that Virginia was economically lagging behind states that encouraged regional cooperation.

"The boundaries that separate neighboring jurisdictions are meaningless when it comes to creating jobs and increasing family incomes," said James Eason, mayor of the city of Hampton and co-chair, along with Jean Clary of The Urban Partnership.

"Bringing together business, government and education leaders to address regional issues has proven successful in other states and can make Virginia an economic winner locally and throughout the world," added Clary, president of Century 21 Clary and Associates.

The Hampton Roads Partnership has identified work force training and technology transfer to enhance job creation as two of its priorities for regional action.

"Virginia is only going to be as strong as its regions," said Barry DuVal, director of the Hampton Roads Partnership, which includes the counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton and York; and cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg.

The Urban Partnership hopes to see the funding available through the Regional Competitiveness Program increased to allow full participation throughout the Commonwealth.

"Research and experience show that regional solutions just make sense," said former Gov. Linwood Holton, chief spokesperson for The Urban Partnership. "Cooperation among localities will benefit Virginia's urban centers, rural communities and the suburban areas in between," said Holton.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development will administer the Regional Competitiveness Program. Funds will be distributed to the regional partnerships proportionately, based on population.



Photos by Bob Ruegsegger

MAKE WAY. Second Class Scout John McElroy of Troop 304 successfully negotiates the monkey bridge during the Bridge of Life contest.

Wesleyan awards contract for design of new Mills E. Godwin building

The Board of Trustees at Virginia Wesleyan College has authorized the awarding of a contract for the design of the Katherine B. and Mills E. Godwin Jr. Administration Building.

Hanbury Evans Newill Vlattas and Company, Architecture Interior Design and Planning of Norfolk, the firm who also designed the Academic Building now under construction, has been selected to design the college's first administration building. Currently, college administrative offices are located in the Henry Clay Hofheimer II Library.

The $4 million Academic Building and the $3.8 million Godwin Administration Building are two of the building projects included in the current capital campaign. Jane P. Batten, chair of the Board of Trustees, reported that $18.3 million has been received on the $25 million Consider the Harvest campaign goal. The Academic Building is scheduled for completion by the fall of 1998. College officials hope to begin construction on the Administration Building by mid-1998.

Trustees approved a budget of $21,500,000 for fiscal year 1998, representing a 1.3 percent increase over last year. Included in budget figures is $4,415,000 for financial aid, an increase of 2.3 percent over last year's figure.

The operation and maintenance budget increased by 2.3 percent to $2,127,573. Another significant increase is in the computer services budget of $415,874, a 38 percent increase over last year's total.

Total enrollment of the 1997-98 academic year is 1,436, which is 1.5 percent less than last year's total of 1,460. The Registrar reported that last May's graduating class of 303 students was the largest in the college's history.

This year's freshmen class numbered 275. Academic Dean Stephen S. Mansfield reported a 7 percent increase to 335 in the Adult Studies Program. "Adult Studies continues to be a very important part of our academic program," Mansfield told the Trustees.



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Holly Fest's holiday spirit already in air

Christmas is already in the air in Virginia Beach.

The 1997 Holly Festival of Trees, "A Musical Miracle on 42nd Street," will be held Nov. 21-23 at the Cavalier on the Hill. This annual fund-raiser is a project of the Norfolk City Union of The King's Daughters to benefit Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.

The schedule of events is:

■ Silver Bells Luncheon, Friday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Two seatings will allow for a sit-down meal to include an informal fashion show presented by St. Tropez boutique of Virginia Beach, a live quarter featuring members of the Virginia Symphony and many holiday decorating demonstrations. Tickets are $20 each.

■ Festival Gala and Auction, Saturday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m. A festive evening, filled with music by members of the Roy Muth Big Band, spectacular trees, food, drink and lively bidding. (Creative black tie). Tickets are $40 each.

■ Raffle/Drawing, Saturday, Nov. 22, 9:30 p.m. Win a 1997 GMC Sonoma Compact Pick-up Truck courtesy of the Southeastern Virginia GMC Dealers. Tickets are $25 each. Raffle tickets may be purchased by mailing a check, payable to Holly Festival of Trees, to the NCUKD, 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507. For more information, please call Kelly Bergman, 668-7098 days, or Natalie East, Raffle chairperson, 546-0309.

■ Festival Open House, Sunday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Welcome Santa as he arrives on his sleigh pulled by a team of Siberian Huskies. Join us for a fun-filled family afternoon of photos with Santa, cookie decorating, puppet shows, caroling and other exciting activities: Tickets are $1.

■ Boutique. During all events, the Holly Boutique will be open featuring gift items direct from the International Gift Show in New York City.

Volunteers for various events surrounding the festival are needed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 668-7098.

Parent Info Night

Cox High School Guidance Department will sponsor a Parents' Information Night on Oct. 29 for parents of current freshmen.

The program, which will begin 7 p.m. in the school library, will provide information about testing programs, career preparation, registration for courses and other pertinent items that will impact students as the progress through high school.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Frank G. & Barbara L. Scholley. Property is located at 922 East Sparrow Road. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Lenwood B. & Robin S. Ireland. Property is located at 924 Sparrow Road East. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

3. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for John B. & June H. Myers. Property is located at 4012 Richardson Road. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Enoch Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the south side of Moore's Pond Road, 583.72 feet east of Baker Road. Said parcel is located at 5641 Moore's Pond Road and contains 3.314 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Checkered Flag Motor Car Company, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile sales, repair and service, sale of parts and parking & storage of vehicles on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 260 feet more or less east of Kings Grant Road. Said parcel is located at 2981 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 34,281.7 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Abundant Life Ministries for a Conditional Use Permit for a church and a school (pre-school, tutoring, GED program) on the north side of Indian River Road, 150 feet more or less west of Military Highway. Said parcel is located at 6530 & 6532 Indian River Road and contains 3.636 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Tiara Properties, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast corner of General Booth Boulevard and S. Birdneck Road. Said property is located at 900 General Booth Boulevard and contains 33,541 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Gayle E. Jr. & Jacqueline Rountree, T/A Holly Ridge Manor for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial pet kennel on the south side of Seaboard Road and west of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel is located at 2997 Seaboard Road and contains 60 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Outdoor Resorts of Virginia Beach, Condominium Assoc. Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a community pier on the east side of Sandpiper Road, south of Kabler Road. Said property is located at 3665 Sandpiper Road and contains 62.573 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Buddhist Association of Hampton Roads for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the south side of Bonney Road, east of Kenley Road. Said parcel is located at 4915 Bonney Road and contains 2.44 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:

11. Application of Brian J. & Stefany Domat for a modification of conditions placed on the application for a change of zoning district classification from R-5D to O-1 approved by City Council on March 25, 1997. Property is located at 221 Thalia Road. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 8, 1997:

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Pace Construction Development Corp., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Ferrell Parkway and General Booth Boulevard. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 6 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Rennie Petroleum Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline pumps in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and N. Plaza Trail. Said parcel is located at 3397 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 30,099.9 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Diamond Springs Shoppes Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline pumps in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast intersection of Diamond Springs Road and Shell Road. Said parcel is located at 1270 Diamond Springs Road and contains 2.23 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of The Dragas Companies, a Virginia Corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 12.278 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Windsor Oaks West, Parcel 2 L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Shoreline Court. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail/service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.579 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole and communications equipment shelter on certain property located on the south side of Indian River Road, west of West Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 2765 Indian River Road and contains 35.06 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:

18. Ordinance to amend Section 501 of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow commuter or satellite parking as a conditional use within residential zoning districts, subject to certain limitations.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For more information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARING
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Virginia Beach City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the Comprehensive Plan Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chamber. The purpose of this Hearing will be to obtain public input on the draft Comprehensive Plan that, when adopted, will serve as the City's "official planning policy document."

Copies of the Comprehensive Plan may be reviewed at any of the City's public libraries and it is also available in the Department of Planning which is located on the first floor of the Operations Building (Building #2) in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. The Planning Department telephone number is 757/427-4621.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE

IN RE:

JESSICA D. HILL, Plaintiff v.
MICHAEL SEAN NANCE, Defendant

CASE NO. CH97-3245

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce and determination of related matters.

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL SEAN NANCE appear and protect his interest, on or before December 5, 1997, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in THE VIRGINIA BEACH SUN, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: Sept. 26, 1997
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Bill Maull, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Christopher Michael Beasley

Order of Publication

The object of this suit is to obtain the adoption of Christopher Michael Beasley by Eric Jason Cartwright and Sandra Louise Cartwright, husband and wife and based on an affidavit filed herein, the Court finds that there exist sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It Is ORDERED that the defendant Jason Matthew Easterling, whose last known address is unknown, appear at the above-named Court and protect his interests on or before November 5, 1997.

Date: 10-6-97
Yvette Pierce DC Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4401 Witchduck Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Linda Masciola dated April 24, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3732, page 1492, securing a loan which was originally $232,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Virginia Beach Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on November 07, 1997 at 8:00 a.m., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot No. 8, Subdivision of Donation Shores, Bayside Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia, recorded April 6, 1965 in Map Book 71, at page 25. Tax Map #1478 64 9273 0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A non-refundable deposit of $23,200.00 cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional

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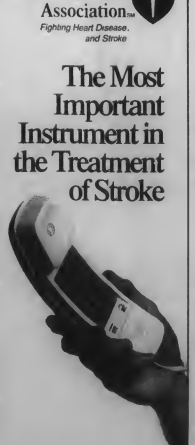
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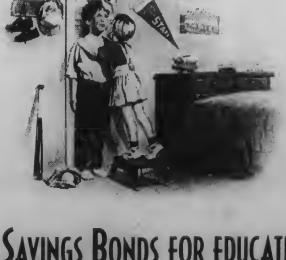
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City opposes Southeastern alignment, but will talk

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some homes and eliminating access for others, took their concerns to City Council.

Council assured the residents that it would never approve an alignment through their property and came up with the resolution to state this purpose.

The first time the city saw detailed plans showing the road project passing through the Stillwater Farms subdivision was in of this year when the consultant for the highway, Michael Baker, forwarded to the city aerial photographs showing a detailed alignment for the entire road project.

In July, the Chesapeake staff informed VDOT and the consulting firm that any impact on Stillwater Farms, the park site and the future school sites would be unacceptable.

The Stillwater Farms property has been zoned R-15 residential since 1969 so that the project did not have to come before council for rezoning or approval.

According to staff, the Planning Commission approved the preliminary subdivision plan in January of 1994, although the staff was aware of a general proposed alignment that might impact this site, because:

The planning commission had no authority under the subdivision ordinance to require either a right-of-way dedication or reservation, as requested by the public works department during the development review process.

The applicant declined to show the Southeastern Expressway on the preliminary subdivision plan and the subdivision review is only a code compliance review.

Also there were no funds available at the time to purchase the right-of-way previous alignments for the expressway were general in nature and detailed construction plans showing what right-of-way was needed were not available. In addition, substantial vacant areas south of Stillwater Farms were available for an alignment farther south along the Great Bridge Bypass.

Residents had asked council why the subdivision was permitted under the shadow of the highway plans.

Spearman, of the 200 block of Hunter Green Court, who had been a member of the Stillwater Farms delegation on Oct. 14, returned to council Tuesday night to support the resolution.

However, she said that the residents still feel threatened, especially after reading a newspaper article implied that there might be retaliation from the Virginia Beach by not cooperating in projects, such as a sewer line that has to pass through Virginia Beach to service Chesapeake.

She also said that City Manager James K. Spore spoke callously when he said, as quoted in the article, that he couldn't believe that the road project could be held up by a 29-lot subdivision.

She said that in Stillwater, residents "wonder whether we'll have a home next year." She said that people are not being considered.

"Who would think that moving into a new house that two years later our house might be destroyed? We don't want our homes threatened. We really like to feel safe in the neighborhood."

Strong opposition to the resolution, prior to the amendment, was expressed by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Chesapeake Division.

The amendment, however, left the door open for the project.

In reality, the two cities are still far apart. Chesapeake, with all its other road priorities, doesn't have any money to purchase right-of-way if a suitable alignment is found. Vice Mayor John W. Butt and councilman W. Joe Newman, councilman Butt said transportation liaisons, told Virginia Beach "we had no money to buy right-of-way."

Butt said, "We've always tried to work well with our sister cities where we can. Along the way, if someone wants a road built, we should be the ones to slay where the road should be built....We have our priority projects in line."

He said the city first heard that the Southeastern Parkway was going to be a toll road, and "Now I heard it's not going to be a toll road."

Chesapeake, he said, has been trying for 30 years to continue the Great Bridge Bypass to North Carolina and now it is a viable project, but with tolls.

Chamber representatives pointed to the economic development that would be generated by the expressway, and Butt said that everyone on council wants to support economic development.

He said that a fifth reason should be added to the four already in the proposed resolution, that the city is opposed to the Parkway as currently proposed.

The four reasons given in the original resolution are that the road would pass through the middle of an existing new subdivision, that it would affect a 20-acre future park site and several school sites in the same area, that the amount of wetlands mitigation in Chesapeake is excessive and out of proportion to mitigation areas proposed in Virginia Beach, and that the Oak Grove Connector, initially a four-lane expressway with right-of-way for expansion to six lanes, will be impacted and no provision is being made to expand the Connector.

Newman said that although council has repeatedly expressed its opposition to the expressway it has continuously resurfaced. The resolution would send a clear signal to Virginia Beach.

He said that "I'll continue to meet with them....Sometime you have to take an action saying we are very concerned about this."

He said that the Chamber of Commerce needs to work with the Chesapeake council.

William Halloran, director of the Chesapeake Division of the chamber, said that the concerns expressed by the citizens of Stillwater Farms last week are completely legitimate and the council's assurances are in good order.He said, however, that council's votes on the expressway have "caused concerns about regional cooperation."

He asked that council "let Virginia Beach know a good faith effort will continue to find common ground. Wouldn't it be interesting if Chesapeake and Virginia Beach became the first two cities to just keep at it until a resolution to building this road is found.

"in any case, it is a serious mistake to build a wall around Chesapeake about this or any other issue..."

Francis Driscoll, Chesapeake transportation chairman for the chamber, told council that it must look at east and west transportation. As the center of Hampton Roads, he said, Chesapeake needs more east-west access. He said that the city should ask for a redesign of the project and that there were a lot of wetlands properties with no houses that could be used for an alignment.

The city has favored the southernmost alignment for the parkway, which has been under discussion for 10 years.

Driscoll said that the engineering has not been completed on the expressway. "Let's negotiate for regional cooperation."

Ward said that the resolution states that council will never consider an alignment through Stillwater. He said that Virginia Beach wants an show of willingness on the part of council to work with them.

Councilman P.P. Duda Jr. assured Spearman that "you can rest assured by this council you will not lose your homes. I"ll stake my life on that!"

As to regional cooperation, he pointed to how Virginia Beach pulled out of the recycling program of the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA), a regional organization. He also said that Chesapeake has cooperated with Virginia Beach on the Lake Gaston project.

"Your homes will not be taken. If Virginia Beach doesn't like it, it won't get the road built. I'm opposed to having a roadway that doesn't benefit our city at all. If the (Virginia Beach) city manager wants to work with us, he needs to get his facts straight."

The Parkway will extend from Route 44 in the Oceana area to the Oak Grove Connector, which is under construction, and I-464 going into Norfolk.

— Home Improvement —

Cabinetry not just for kitchens anymore

More and more kitchen design specialists are serving the "other room" markets across the country. From entertainment centers to wine storage to laundry rooms, consumers are finding that other areas of their home can be designed with cabinetry that blends attractively with other furnishings.

For instance, media-centers are not just for televisions. Custom-built pieces in family and great rooms for televisions, stereo systems and video equipment are turning ordinary rooms into ones that resemble concert halls, movie theaters and video arcades — all in one!

In addition, many people are seeking designers to plan sophisticated and unique display areas that resemble furniture. Custom or stock cabinetry can be stacked and assembled with glass doors for collectibles or art. Interior lighting can be added to accent your treasures. These designs can create a beautiful visual interest for any room in the house.

Other areas growing in design are desk areas — whether it's a home or office or living room space — for computers.

Long ago, utility rooms were planned simply with a tub, washboard and a clothesline. Today's room, however, has become one of primary importance to meet housekeeping needs.

Custom cabinetry can be designed with fold-down or pull-out bins for sorting soiled laundry and separate countertop areas can be planned for pre-treating stains, sorting and folding. Storage for laundry supplies can also be incorporated above the washer and dryer. A special area for sewing or mending is also possible, complete with specialized shelving, divided drawers and enough table space for cutting out patterns.

The utility room can also be equipped with a space-saving, built-in ironing board for convenience, while a cleaning closet for storing brooms, mops, waxes, soaps and buckets is a great advantage for household management.

Elegant serving areas, such as bar center, are being included in kitchens, family and living rooms at an ever-growing pace. The bar can be as simple or as elaborate as space will allow. Cabinetry can be designed to store liquor and glasses, as well as hold an icemaker or under-the-counter refrigerator.

American's love for wine is coming home, too, in the form of displays or storage areas just for these beloved beverages. The designer can incorporate an area in a bar or a separate cellar display designed exclusively for the wine can be built.

If this is the case, the designer can plan more than just bottle storage. Racks or bins can be installed on three of four walls, while the remaining area can be used for a tasting table and storage for cork screws, tasting cups, decanters, candles, wine labels, copies of your favorite restaurant wine lists, even vineyard maps and wine prints. All of these can add those individual touches to reflect the homeowner's lifestyle.



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■ Replace worn caulk around windows and doors, wall and roof vents, skylights and chimneys, and where plumbing and electrical wires enter the house. 3M caulk remover will soften old caulk for easy removal. Press-in-place caulk, an easy-to-apply caulk that unrolls, is pressed into place with fingertips and cut to length with scissors.

Last year, one family in the northeast with a three-bedroom, split-level house saved more than 50 percent on heating bills. Though they had a milder-than-usual winter, the owners also took some proactive measures to help reduce heating costs.

3M window insulator kits were applied to all windows and patio doors. The plastic film also was used to cover an air conditioning wall unit. A special double-sided tape helps with installation and clean removal. Old caulk was removed and new caulk was applied. The thermostat was turned down daily to a constant 60 degrees when everybody was snug in their beds.

Take a few hours one day to take care of these chores. You will be cozy and save some money this winter.

Drug-Free

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the education and concerns of Hampton Roads young people. From working hand-on with at-risk, troubled or just "middle of the road" youths, he bringing a fresh perspective.

"Drugs? The kids will tell you it's huge — nothing compared to the national numbers being out put by the Department of Justice. I think I read somewhere that 8 or 9 percent was the drug use problem. But then the *Virginian-Pilot* did a poll here and around 80 percent of the kids had tried or used drugs within a week of the poll," Bobulinski said.

Marijuana, he continued, is "the drug of choice right now, but it gets laced with all sorts of things like crack cocaine. Then the kid is hooked. They've gone from a what's considered a soft drug to a hard drug and you've got a kid who's in big trouble."

Bobulinski, who has worked with young people fighting $1,000-a-day habits, knows the effects of the drug culture are far reaching. He cited violence, crime, even traffic accidents as spinoff effects.

He's convinced it's going to take more than telling people to "Just Say No."

He feels the "Scared Straight" approach is an effective method, as is peer testimony. Saturday's event will offer the latter. Young people on the road to recovery through Teen Challenge in Newport News will share their first-hand perspectives of drug addiction.

"You turn yourself over to the process," explained Bobulinski. "It's like a one-year residency program, with the last six months spent in the wilderness of Pennsylvania."

Also featured at Saturday's event, which runs from 1 to 5:30 p.m., will be performances by the Virginia Beach Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit, Q-Pups Steppers, Star Spangled Singers, Friendship Show Steppers and the Booker T. Washington Drill Team.

The Monster Fire Truck, Youth Crisis Network, Virginians Against Handguns and other organizations will bring displays all unified with one message.

"It's a day of commitment," Hill said. "It's about more than public awareness."

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Chow down!

Get set for some good eating! Tabernacle United Methodist, 1265 Sandbridge Rd., will hold its 20th Annual Colonial Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The menu includes country ham, turkey, dressing, collards, snaps, corn pudding, sweet potatoes, dessert and drink. Cost for adults is $6.50, children $3. A Christmas shop will include crafts, baked goods, jellies, breads, cookbooks and more. For more information, call 426-2549 or 426-6991.

Symposium set

Old Dominion University's Darden College of Education will host the sixth annual Mid-Atlantic Symposium on Education Saturday, Nov. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Sheraton Inn Oceanfront in Virginia Beach. The symposium will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday. "Best Practices for Developing Effective Classroom Techniques and Intervention Strategies" is open to all educators, school administrators, parents, mental health professionals and community agency personnel. More than 30 sessions will be offered focusing on issues such as violence among youths, inclusion and diversity in the classroom, building and developing character, discipline and leadership and technology in the classroom. Other sessions will focus on team teaching, learning strategies and student achievement. For more information or to register, call 683-4686.

Santa's stocking

Catch the holiday spirit at Santa's Stocking Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaars. Two separate bazaar weekends have been scheduled at Kempsville Recreation Center, 800 Monmouth Lane in Virginia Beach. More than 140 craftspeople will sell a variety of handcrafted items. The first Santa's Stocking will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The second event, which will feature all new exhibitors, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A free shuttle service will run from Kempsville Middle School to the Recreation Center during the hours of the bazaar. Admission is free. For more information, call 474-8492, TDD 471-5839.

Travel talk

Join Dr. Barbara Bloemink, the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia's executive director, for a slide tour of her European experiences in Venice, Italy; Muenster and Kassel, Germany; and Basel, Switzerland. Bloemink will share with the trends spotted at the Venice Biennale and the Basel Art Fair, as well as her own expert insight into the most important movements in contemporary art. Join the museum on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Contemporary Art Center. The cost is $3.

Sculptor exhibits

The bronze sculptures of Native Americans by award-winning artist Griffin Chiles will be on display in the Hofheimer Library of Virginia Wesleyan College, beginning on Tuesday and running through Dec. 4. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hofheimer Library.

Hospice lecture

For the fourth year, Sentara Home Care Services will present a special forum designed to address the special needs, issues and concerns of hospice patients and their families. "Caring for the Caregiver" will include workshops and presentations by local physicians and experts on a variety of topics, including problem solving for caregivers, children in grief, exploring music and imagery for healing, updates on pain management, men in grief and mourning and a physician's perspective and The Fourth Annual Hospice Symposium, Hospice Circle of Care will be held Thursday at Pavilion Towers Resort and Conference Hotel in Virginia Beach. For more information about cost or reservations, contact Sentara Home Care Services, 461-2253.

City OK's joint tech center; considers capital funding

TCC, high school students will share $23 million facility

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council Tuesday voted to participate in a joint technical and career education center with Tidewater Community College (TCC) but is continuing to explore funding options that would lighten the impact on the general fund.

Under the proposal a 137,193-square-foot center would be constructed on the TCC campus at a cost of approximately $23 million of which the city will be expected to contribute $13 million. TCC is requested the 1998 General Assembly to come up with the remaining $10 million. Timothy Kerr, interim TCC president, said that he had verbal commitment from legislators that the money would be there.

The center would be used jointly by the public schools and TCC with a concentration on high-tech programs to qualify students for high tech, and high paying, jobs. Other technical programs would remain at the Vocational Technical school on North Landing Road.

E. Dean Block, director of management for the city, said that the school would be constructed and owned by TCC. He said there is nothing in the existing city capital improvement program "that makes this sort of thing feasible." He said that neither the school spending nor the city spending in the budget can be reduced "there is no fluff in there, and that the city is behind in renovations for the 1998-99 year. He said that $7.9 million is in the budget for one project — the juvenile detention home and that the city is "way underfunded in our own building." He said that he also is concerned with the uncertainty surrounding the EIS (environment impact statement) and is looking for other means to fund the center.

He said the city can use charter bonds over a three-year period with the ability to be reimbursed.

Leasing the school portion of the center may be the best approach, he said. the school system would lease their part of the facility from TCC for a payment equal to the debt service. TCC or another agency of the state would issue the debt or otherwise finance the entire building.

Once the debt was retired the lease would change to one dollar per year. The option would take advantage of the state's greater debt capacity and AAA bond rating. Also, this method would not encumber the city's charter bonds.

He said that other public funds (state grants for economic development), regional groups such as the Hampton Roads Partnership or EDIP (Economic Development Incentive Partnership) funds might be available, but these would pay for only part of the cost.

Finally, the private sector may contribute to as much as $2 million of the cost. He said there is a lot of attractiveness to that approach but more time is needed. The school is expected to be open in 2001.

The worst case scenario, he said, is that the city will have to put up the whole $13 million. That does not include the

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Photo by Bob Ruegsegger

That wicked witch!

If Virginia Beach residents look closely enough tonight they might just see the Witch of Pungo, Grace Sherwood, soaring through the air for a Halloween ride. But last weekend, at least, she was at the Thoroughgood House for a seasonal presentation, "Legends, Lore and Lunacy." Sherwood, portrayed by Irene Halle, holds a witch's bottle which was believed to reverse any spells that a witch might cast. For more on the program, see **page 5.**

Billboards continue to plague Beach

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

In the late '80s the city decided it didn't want any free-standing billboards and passed an ordinance outlawing them.

Since then the city has gotten rid of 15 free-standing billboards, according to Pat Janesek, zoning administrator, but 50 still remain.

One of the 50, a V-shaped billboard with four panels located on the south side of Shore Drive at Jade Street, has been drawing complaints from area residents which has stepped up the city's campaign to look for ways to eliminate the billboards once and for all.

But it's not so easy.

Assistant City Attorney William Macali pointed out at a work session Tuesday that there's the law to contend with.

The billboards now standing are grandfathered.

That is, they are allowed to exist because they were there before the billboards were outlawed. Although the law also doesn't allow them to be replaced say, if they were blown over by a storm or otherwise damaged, a loophole in the Virginia Beach ordinance permits the billboard owners to repair the billboards if the cost of the repair is no more than half the cost of the billboard.

Here there is another problem, some of the billboards are so old, said planning director Robert Scott, that no documentation exists on the original cost and educated estimates have to be made.

In the case of the Shore Drive billboard the original cost of the billboard is estimated at $6,280 and the owners have a building permit from the city to spend $3,000.

The most potent tool the city has, said Scott, is that the signs have to be removed if the property is developed and indications are that the Shore Drive site, which is approximately 100 by 200 feet, will be developed. Scott said that it is one of the last undeveloped pieces of property on Shore Drive.

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Scott said that the problem has to be looked at in its totality. He said that the city is gradually removing offensive signs by a variety of methods and have removed 200 on-site signs in two years.

But Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr., who was not on council when the sign ordinance was passed, is a little impatient. He said that he was not anxious to see more development on Shore Drive, if that's what it will take to get rid of the sign. "I don't want council to encourage development just to get rid of the billboard....Why don't we just rip them down?"

Councilman Linwood Branch pointed out that if any alterations have to be made on signs on Atlantic Avenue, they have to be torn down. But these are on-site signs which are governed by different regulations.

When the ordinance was passed, said councilwoman Reba McClanan, "We had some foresighted people on council. All wanted the billboards to come down. Some future councils were not as understanding."

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Walkers have a heart for cause

By Aune Kirk
Correspondent

The rain may have come down by the bucketfuls Sunday, but it didn't compare to the outpouring of love and commitment by hundreds of walkers and volunteers who participated in the 1997 American Heart Walk at Mt. Trashmore.

According to Jennifer Gettins, communication and public affairs manager of American Heart Association, local companies, organizations and individuals formed teams to collect donations and walked in support of the national event to help raise $180,000 for heart research and the organization's community outreach programs.

Turnout was about 700 to 800 people.

At 1:30 p.m., the walkers who had already cheerfully donned their ponchos, raincoats or umbrellas set out for the three-mile walk around the lake. They trekked two or three abreast on the narrow concrete path, and the long stream of umbrellas seemed endless.

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Photo by Aune Kirk

HITTING THE TRAIL Rain couldn't dampen the spirits of hundreds of Hampton Roads residents who turned out to raise money for the American Heart Association last Sunday.

Commentary

For Governor

The best thing about this 1997 campaign is that it is almost over. With only a few days remaining before Election Day, the race for governor between Jim Gilmore and Don Beyer cranks down to the final broadside of smutty television commercials. Beyer calls Gilmore a "hard right" conservative while Gilmore says Beyer is a tax-and-spend liberal who "is working hard not to look like one."

And the debate goes on about the issues: the vehicle tax, abortion, welfare reform, jobs, education. Toss out no car tax and there is not much that has attracted voter's attention. So Gilmore has positioned himself as the logical heir to Gov. George Allen's popular pro-growth and anti-crime policies. Beyer focuses on education and abortion. Fundamentally, Gilmore wants Virginians to be in charge of their affairs while Beyer is more willing to trust government.

It comes down to only one issue in any campaign: which candidate can do the better job? The voters elect a governor to run things. They want results. Jim Gilmore is the best man for the task. We should find some other field for the abilities of Don Beyer than the governor's office.

Lieutenant Governor

The governor should have a lieutenant governor who shares the same goals. Republican candidate John Hager supports Jim Gilmore's car tax initiative, has pledged not to increase taxes and has embraced all of the party's objectives.

Gov. George Allen says it best: "John Hager as lieutenant governor will give Jim Gilmore one benefit that I never enjoyed as governor, and that is a lieutenant governor who is actually an ally, someone you can trust and who will work with you."

Hager says, "This election is about taxes and trust. Who do you trust to hold the line? My opponent is the only statewide candidate who has not taken the no new statewide tax pledge. There is a clear difference between John Hager and L.F. Payne." We'll take Hager.

Attorney General

Mark Earley is clearly the better candidate to serve as Virginia's next attorney general. A state senator from Chesapeake for the past 10 years, he commands respect on both sides of the aisle.

Earley's General Assembly record includes legislative victories such as welfare reform, juvenile justice crime reform, adoption reform, better care for the mentally disabled, parental notification for abortion and crime victims' rights.

Earley says, "The next attorney general is going to have a lot to do in holding the gains we've made during the next four years." He can do it. — H.B.



Something to kick, not crow about

By Larry McGehee

At age 11, our eldest daughter set her heart on being the first female quarterback in the NFL. She had a complete Minnesota Vikings uniform, shoulder pads, helmet and all. It was a dazzling purple, with Fran Tarkenton's number on the jersey. All fall long, out on the side lawn, she practiced hand-offs and passing.

She gave it up after getting shin splints and taking up the trumpet. The closest she got to realizing her dream was getting a Tarkenton autograph. I tried to ease her disappointment by giving her my own treasured pass to Alabama practices, personally signed by Bear Bryant.

Fast-forward now, 20 years later. In Durham, N.C., a female student at Duke has filed charges against the university and its football coach for discrimination.

After trying out for place-kicker as a walk-on for two years, she alleges the coach told her last spring in the presence of the team that she could suit up in the regular season, but that he later reneged on the offer during preseason summer practices. He claimed, she says, that her presence would be a distraction to the other players.

In high school, the same girl had received all-state honors as the place-kicker on an otherwise all-male team. As a Blue Devils walk-on, the young student kicked the winning field goal in the annual Blue-White game. Had she been added to the team roster, she would have become the first woman to play NCAA Division 1 football.

Duke University has distinguished itself for its exceptionally high academic standards and for the success of its men's basketball program in both athletic and scholastic rankings. Frequently first in the nation in men's basketball under its class-act "Coach K," both men's and women's basketball teams at Duke rank highly among the top universities for academic achievements of their players. At 91 percent the men were sixth and at 73 percent the women were 12th nationally in 1996 for graduation rates.

By contrast with its basketball teams, however, Duke football within recent memory has not been conspicuous in either athletic or academic Top 25 listings. Duke was not likely to be risking a national crown or even an AAC conference title by adding the girl to the roster.

The coach's defense allegedly is that the girl's presence would be distracting. He would have had a stronger case had he allowed her to play one game and reached that judgment after the fact and with evidence on videotape to prove it.

The university's defense is that the suit is "frivolous" and no one has the right to question a head coach's prerogative to sign and play whomever he (in football, not "he or she") pleases.

The coach and university will "win" this one. Regardless of the outcome of her law suit, the girl is a senior, and the season likely will be over by the time the court acts.

But Duke will also lose.

One consequence of the coach's decision is that Duke football has forfeited its best recent chance to be first in the nation in something.

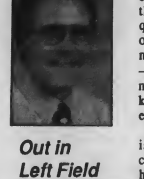
Another consequence is the postponement of the day of gender reckoning in college sports that has already been passed in admission of women to the armed services, to the national military academies and recently to VMI and the Citadel as well, to almost all careers, to government service, to the U.S. Senate dining room, and to little league baseball teams.

Most women's and men's sports pair off in separated but equivalent teams: basketball, soccer, golf, tennis, track, swimming, gymnastics, etc. In the absence of separate but equal female football teams, football stands conspicuously apart. Duke's distinction may be in being first to be tested by suit on this Title IX issue.

Now fast-rewind, back 20 years ago — the mid-1970s. It has been that long since Duke has had a good internal controversy. The portrait of its most famous alumnus, a president of the United States (and known lover of football), hung in a place of prominence in the Duke Law School. Chagrined alumni petitioned to have it removed. It may still be there.

The difference between that controversy and the current one was that Richard M. Nixon had his day on the field and was being judged post-Watergate, but Heather Sue Mercer has not had her day and has been judged pre-season.

Hobnobbing "Wythe" Williamburg's ghosts



Out in Left Field

By Bob Ruegsegger, columnist

I'd like to say that some of my best friends are ghosts, but that would be pretty far from the truth. As a matter of fact, none of my best friends are ghosts, nor have I ever even made the acquaintance of a legitimate ghost — at least not to my knowledge.

But it isn't because I haven't tried. I've made myself present — and available. Honestly, I've tried.

In my quest to make contact with the spirit world, I've spent more time in Colonial Williamsburg than Lord Dunmore.

During the past year, I've read dozens of books relating to the legends and lore of Williamsburg. I've even taken an evening lantern tour of the town. "The Ghosts of Williamsburg . . . And Nearby Environs" by L.B. Taylor, Jr. has been added to my personal library for ready reference. I had it personally autographed for luck. The inscription reads: "To Bob, In the best of spirits!"

In spite of all my effort, I've had no luck at all at raising the dead. I haven't met one lousy ghost. At this point even a partial sighting would be welcome — a headless ghost or even just a ghostly head. I really am making a concerted effort to believe in the world of spirits. I swear. One little apparition might help push me over the threshold of skepticism.

Using Taylor's book as my guide, I've been haunting spots that seem most conducive to spiritual interaction.

I've looked behind every headstone and tomb in the local churchyard, and I've even considered entering Bruton Parish Church.

I've been through the George Wythe House on the Palace Green a dozen times or more — not a spook in sight.

Exasperated, I approached one historic interpreter at the Wythe House and asked her directly, "Is this house haunted?"

"Some people say it is," she replied.

"What do you say?"

"I haven't had any experience with ghosts here," she said frankly, looking me straight in the eye.

Just what I thought. Those bogeyman stories have no real basis. Those tales are simply flights of fantasy. "All that talk about haunted houses in Williamsburg is probably totally unfounded," I decided.

"The Wythe House isn't the one where they had the trouble," she noted.

My ears stood straight up — eager to hear the rest.

"It's the Peyton Randolph House where the real problems occur," she said. "They've had people actually quit because of experiences they've had at that house," she added.

"Now, we're getting somewhere," I thought.

"Have you seen a ghost there?" I asked impatiently.

"No, but my son has," she said. She recalled her son's encounter.

It seemed that a door slammed shut, and there was a puff of cold air that blew out a candle that her son was carrying. When he managed to relight the candle, he turned to open the door. The door was open.

"I used to laugh at those stories," her son claimed. "But I'll never laugh at them again," he said.

I thanked the lady and decided to go upstairs to the bedchambers. I climbed the stairs to the second level. After looking into every room and spotting nothing unusual, I turned to another interpreter and asked him about the Wythe House. "Well, Lady Skipwith is supposed to clamber up the stairs at midnight," he said.

"Have you ever seen or heard her?" I asked.

"No, I haven't," he answered unequivocally. "But then I'm never here at midnight," he pointed out.

I decided to check out the Peyton Randolph House.

Walking across the Palace Green, I took the most direct path past the St. George Tucker House to the Peyton Randolph House. It was closed to visitors. I walked slowly around the white clapboard building and looked in the windows. I saw nothing out of the ordinary. There were some men building a smokehouse in the backyard, but there wasn't a ghost in sight.

Disappointed, I left shaking my head. I've been in that house any number of times; the most frightening thing about the Peyton Randolph House has to be the family portraits inside. Those familial visages could stop a clock as well as a ghost.

Still no luck! I decided to check out the Ludwell-Paradise House which allegedly harbors the spirit of Mad Lucy Ludwell. I must have stood outside for fifteen minutes—or more. Again, there was no sign of anything even remotely unusual.

Although my year-long search through Colonial Williamsburg has not put me in touch with a single apparition, the lore and legends of the town's inhabitants — ghostly and otherwise — have certainly added a little zest to my experience. Those traditional stories — at least in my opinion — are part of what gives Williamsburg its vitality.

While some say a picture is worth a thousand words, I maintain that a single stroll down Duke of Gloucester Street from the College of William and Mary to the Capitol elevates the spirit with a thousand memories.

Happy haunting to all



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

Finally, the crackle of autumn is in the air, and it's time for my favorite holiday — Halloween.

From pumpkins to scarecrows, candy to costumes, I'm a sucker for anything that has to do with All Hallow's Eve.

Few events "haunt" my memory more than pleasant remembrances of trudging door to door, lugging a plastic pumpkin with a handle straining from the bulk of sweet treats, and begging for more.

Who can resist a chorus of "Trick of treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat?"

Having the courage to say that to a total stranger while standing on their doorstep deserves at least a miniature Snickers bar!

With fond memories of those innocent days in mind, I'll be armed with an arsenal of candy tonight — enough to fortify a small army of trick or treaters with enough sugar to last them through Thanksgiving. Heck, Halloween comes only once a year, so what not do it right?

That's not to say the stash hasn't already been sabotaged by a couple of overgrown kids who miss the revelry of dressing up in costume.

Since buying the "Halloween" candy at the beginning of October, it's taken a few hits by Evan and me. The Kit Kats and Reeses Cups went first, and the Blowpop supply then began to diminish. A fresh supply was laid in, and thus far our fortitude has been strong.

So we've got the candy, a jack-o'-lantern and willpower to resist eating our trick-or-treat supply. What else do we need? Just the kids!

Speaking of kids, it's not too late to think of Halloween safety. Because this night should be about fun, it's important to remember a few tips to avoid trips, falls and injuries:

- Wear costumes short enough to prevent tripping and add reflectors or glow-in-the -dark stickers.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use face paint and makeup.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Accompany young children.
- Watch out for traffic and cross streets only at corners.
- Stay within your own neighborhood and visit only homes you know.
- Use sidewalks to avoid injury. If sidewalks aren't available, walk facing traffic.
- If passing out treats, turn on your porch light so that children will know they're welcome at your door.
- Give and accept only wrapped or packaged candy.
- Keep pets under control and away from the front door when trick or treaters arrive.
- Keep candlelit jack-o'-lanterns away from where costumes might brush against flames.

With that advice I'm off to scare up myself a costume to greet the little beggars. Hopefully, my willpower to avoid the candy bowl will last until they arrive.

Happy haunting to all!

Random ramblings and other thoughts



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

I must make the regretful acknowledgement to my readers that I had almost completed this week's column and had asked my lovely wife to look over it and give me her wise opinion. She did. As a result that column will never see the light of day.

You see, I was going to write about the Million Woman March that was held in Philadelphia on Saturday. I am still puzzled as to why she objected to the column so strongly. I will admit that I had made a few jokes which I thought were funny, especially ones about California Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, but Miss Billie didn't think so.

That was the end of that. Boy, was she mad! I suspect she even told our little dog, Dixie Lee (a female), about it because she won't come near me even when I try to bribe her with vanilla wafers, which she dearly loves. I am definitely in the dog house, so I will never again mention the Million Woman March (unofficial estimates by Philadelphia Police Department had attendance at 300,000), at least not in this house. Gee whiz!

Since I had to "abort" the first column, I will tell about an incident that happened to the Sessions family two weeks ago. We receive interest checks quarterly on several Certificates of Deposit (CD's) we have in a certain bank which shall remain unnamed. We received the checks as usual and deposited them in another bank where we have our checking account.

Lo and behold, a few days later one of the interest checks was returned to us marked "payment stopped." In all my life I have never heard of a bank stopping payment on its own interest checks unless requested to do so by the customer in case of loss, theft, etc.

We had made no such request.

To say that I was ticked off is an understatement. I called the bank and asked for an explanation. After several minutes talking to the manager, it was obvious to me that he didn't have the foggiest idea as to what had caused the problem, but said he would check and let me know. After a couple of days with no answer, I called back and advised the manager that if my check was not forthcoming soon that I was going to charge the bank interest on my interest check upon which payment had been stopped.

That got some action. Later in the day, I was advised by the bank manager that another check had been mailed from Tennessee and that it would take a few days to get here. That made me even madder because they sent it regular mail instead of a faster method.

There is always some humor even in the face of the seriousness of a situation. The bank that "stopped payment" on their own interest check tried to get me to open a checking account with them. What gall?

Welcome to the real world.

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Conservation is growing trend in Virginia Beach

Over the next few months as you visit some of the city's parks and schools, you may notice some new signs which indicate the locations of habitat conservation and restoration projects.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

More importantly, you will notice that the locations themselves have changed for the better! New trees, shrubs and marsh plants will be present at these sites as a result of an innovative program being implemented through the support of the Planning Department's Environmental Management Center.

First, the city has many properties which need conservation and restoration work to not only improve natural value for wildlife but to curb erosion and protect property values.

Over time, these sites will begin to resemble conditions found naturally in healthy areas along our shorelines, and hopefully will begin to contain the same kinds of wildlife found in those healthy areas, as well.

These new restoration projects are the latest examples of an innovative idea developed several years ago by staff in the Planning Department, working in cooperation with staff from the Virginia Marine Science Museum, the General Services Department, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Agriculture Department.

These people got together with other folks from First Landing/Seashore State Park, Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Oceana Naval Air Station, Little Creek Amphibious Base, the Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District and volunteers from area businesses, civic and environmental organizations and formed the Habitat Enhancement Committee.

The committee is dedicated to conserving and restoring vegetation along dune lines, shorelines and marsh areas in the city. It receives limited city funding, such as monies which are collected as civil penalties from wetlands and sand dune ordinance violations, augmented by periodic grant funding from the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program and the Virginia Department of Forestry.

With this limited amount of funding and a lot of creativity and energy, the Habitat Enhancement Committee has accomplished an impressive list of projects over the past few years, including:

■ Urban street tree planting project in Landstown Meadows subdivision.

■ Natural shoreline buffer creation along Canal #2 in Oceana Industrial Park.

■ Tree nurseries at Green Run High, John B. Dey Elementary, Holland Elementary and Parks Annex Offices.

■ Dunes restoration at Camp Pendleton and Jade Street.

■ Natural shoreline buffer restoration at Great Neck Park and Pembroke Meadows Elementary.

■ Shoreline erosion restoration at Haygood Park.

■ Wetlands restoration at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, West Neck Creek at Dam Neck Road, Oceana Naval Air Station at Owls Creek, the Virginia Marine Science Museum and the city's Wetlands Mitigation Bank in Creeds.

By early next year, this list of projects will grow to include:

■ Natural shoreline buffer restoration at Lynnhaven Middle Mount Trashmore Park, Carolanne Farm Park and Birchwood Park.

■ Marsh restoration at Carolanne Farm Park and Mount Trashmore Park.

■ Shoreline erosion restoration at Mount Trashmore Park

Projects in the planning stages for:

■ Shoreline erosion restoration at Lotus Gardens Park.

■ Buffer restoration at a new canoe access on London Bridge Creek near Virginia Beach Boulevard.

■ Shoreline erosion restoration and shoreline buffer restoration at Munden Point Park.

■ Dune restoration at Little Island Park.

Many of you may ask, why is this kind of work being done?

First, the city has many properties which need conservation and restoration work to not only improve natural value for wildlife but to curb erosion and protect property values.

Second, these sites can be a tremendous demonstration of methods and techniques which private homeowners and businesses can employ to correct similar problems they are facing.

Third, these projects promote a low cost and environmentally responsible means of solving problems while advancing environmental quality and stewardship of our natural resources.

Fourth, these kinds of projects greatly improve the beauty and desirability of our city, enhancing our attractiveness for residents and visitors alike.

Fifth, the projects help promote a sense of community among all participants, enriching the city and all participants in the process. I am certain there are many other benefits, as well.

If you would like to participate either as an individual or with your organization in this "hands-on" approach to helping solve some of the environmental problems in Virginia Beach, contact the Habitat Enhancement Committee at 427-4621 and ask for Rick Scarper, Carolyn Smith or Clay Bernick of the Planning Department.

Volunteer involvement is greatly appreciated and is critical to the success of these efforts. Further information is available from City Line at 427-3580, ext. 358.

Volunteer update information is periodically updated and available from City Line at 427-3580, ext. 882.

You may also want to check the Environmental Management Center web page at: http://city.virginiabeach.va.us./cityhall/planning/emchrome.html

H. Clay Bernick III, administrator of the Environmental Management Center, contributed to this column.

Police seek suspect, leads in First Virginia robbery

Virginia Beach police need your help in locating a bank robber.

On Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m., a man walked into the First Virginia Bank located at 1924 Centerville Turnpike. The suspect loitered inside the bank for a few minutes, approached the teller and presented her with a note demanding money. After receiving a quantity of money he walked out of the bank.



Crime Solvers

By Det. Lou Chappell, Virginia Beach Police Department



Suspect

The suspect is black, 28 to 32 years of age, 6-feet-1-inch tall, 210 pounds with short hair and a mustache. He was wearing a baseball hat, a blue windbreaker with maroon and white stripes, baggy camouflage pants and brown work boots.

Crime Solvers will pay up to $1,000 for information on this crime or any other crime. Call 427-0000 and as always, you will remain anonymous and will not have to appear in court.

Up close and personal

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf: Making time

By Victoria Hecht
Editor



Meyera Oberndorf isn't one to just sit around and wait for things to happen.

Her schedule is a testimony to that.

Rounding up a dizzying month of Breast Cancer Awareness Month appearances, City Council meetings, ribbon cuttings and many other obligations that come with the title of "mayor," she's back on her old stomping grounds for an unhurried interview.

Oberndorf has two hours before her next engagement — practically an eon in an age of 15-second sound bites — and has chosen the Kempsville Library as the meeting site. The place was appropriate enough. After all, it was an appointment to the Virginia Beach Public Library Board that launched her career in public service in 1966.

Thirty-one years later, Oberndorf is serving her third term leading the resort city. She has the honor of being the first woman — and first popularly-elected — mayor in the history of Virginia Beach.

But that's putting the cart before the horse. Before getting fully under way with her "Up Close and Personal," Oberndorf said none of that would have been possible "without giving credit where credit is due."

It goes to her husband of 36 years, Roger, a retired Coast Guard captain and the "man behind the scenes" who keeps her running.

"If I hadn't had a husband who supported me," Oberndorf stressed, "none of this would have been possible."

Their days start as early as 4:30 a.m., and by 7 a.m. Oberndorf could be leading a meeting, making a special appearance, popping in at a school or handing out honors at a breakfast awards ceremony.

"But my latest thing," she said proudly, "is that I've been exercising three times a week. When I was young I was a ballerina, which gives you the chance for a real workout. Everybody's going to see a physically-fit mayor."

She mused, "I even told my husband that I was so glad that I had supported the recreation centers in Virginia Beach, because now it's paying off!"

Hectic mornings lead into harried afternoons and evenings. On days when she had office hours the mayor could have a meeting scheduled every half hour until 5 p.m. But the day hardly ends there. Oberndorf reckons she attends at least two events a night.

No "must-see" TV for her?

A simple reply: "No TV."

Oberndorf seeks her slices of solace by curling up with a good book when time allows — maybe a mystery thriller by Richmond writer Patricia Cornwell — and tunes in to National Public Radio while driving.

Her job has made for many interesting moments, too. Oberndorf's eyes sparkled at one the "strangest" requests she got: to be wrapped in cellophane and holiday lights and serve as a "living" Christmas tree.

"But it had just rained," she chuckled, "and Roger pointed out that it wouldn't be wise to stand in water with lights wrapped around me. I'd be a big conductor!"

She's learned a couple of valuable lessons in her years of public service — that if something looks easy, it's probably not. And diplomacy. Actually, she promoted the latter long before taking public office and firmly believes people should "sit down and work things out."

As mayor, she has strongly emphasized the importance of economic development. Through her leadership, Virginia Beach saw more new business relocations and existing business expansions last year than in the previous five years combined. She has traveled to China, Japan and Norway to further economic development and cultural relations.

Oberndorf has also been extremely active in furthering the strong ties that Virginia Beach has with the military. Her perspective is first-hand, having spent more than 30 years as the wife of a Coast Guard captain. As mayor, she appoints and chairs the Military Liaison Commission for the city.

Her efforts on behalf of education, tourism, humanitarianism and community service have not gone unnoted. Oberndorf was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and was named Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Hampton Roads Business Community.

A 1964 graduate of Old Dominion University, Oberndorf was named a Distinguished Alumni and presented the Shining Example Award by the Southeast Tourism Society. Memberships include the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, Virginia Municipal League and Virginia Institute of Government, among others.

All this and Oberndorf, a mother and grandmother, still doesn't mind taking time for Virginia Beach's youngest residents and future leaders.

As the clock neared her next appointment, two pre-teens sitting at a nearby table packed up their bookbags to leave. But walking past the mayor, they stopped, then quietly introduced themselves.

"I met you one time, mayor. Do you remember me? It was at the amphitheater in the parking lot..." one of the girls began.

Oberndorf recalled the evening. While she surely meets thousands of young girls each year, this one left feeling extra special.

Name: Meyera Oberndorf.

What brought you to this area: I was born here.

Hometown: Newport News, now happily in Virginia Beach.

Age: 56.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: Wife, mother, grandmother and mayor.

Marital Status: Married 36 years to the same man, Roger.

Children: Two: Marcie, 31, a wife, mother and film director for Carolinas Partnership, and Heide, 27, first officer on a 737.

Favorite movies: No time for movies.

Magazines I read regularly: *Governing, City and State, U.S. Mayor, Travel and Leisure* and *Harvard Health Newsletter.*

Favorite authors: Patricia Cornwell, Tammy Hogg and Marian Wright Edelman.

Favorite night on the town: Attending a neighborhood civic league meeting.

Favorite restaurant: All of them in Virginia Beach.

Favorite meal and beverage: Any meal I don't have to cook myself, and a strawberry milkshake.

What most people don't know about me: I'm very shy.

Best thing about myself: I really care about people.

Worst habit: Trying to do too many things at the same time.

Pets: Four dogs.

Hobbies: Reading and "grandmothering."

Ideal vacation: A romantic weekend on Nantucket with Roger.

Pet peeves: Intolerance and constant negativity.

First job: Counselor-in-training for a camp.

Worst job: Cleaning a toilet.

Favorite sports team: Hampton Roads Mariners.

Favorite musicians: Virginia Beach Symphony and Tidewater Winds.

Most embarrassing moment: I rarely get embarrassed because I'm always willing to laugh at myself.

How I would like to be remembered: As someone who made a real difference in this world as a mother, wife, grandmother and mayor, and that I helped build a city with a heart and a conscience.

If I received $1 million: I would share it with our children and then talk to Roger about making contributions to worthwhile charities.

If I have 10 minutes on national television: I'd promote Virginia Beach as the perfect place to live, work and play.

It's never too early for college planning

The Virginia Beach Association for the Gifted and Talented will hold its autumn meeting at Kemps Landing Magnet School, 525 Kempsville Rd. at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

After a brief business meeting in the auditorium, there will be two breakout sessions related to college planning for families of high school students and to the various programs offered to students at all educational levels.

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Photos by Marjaret Windley



Kick it!

The Second Annual Sports Day at John B. Dey Elementary School was a "smash" for more than one reason. Representatives from various sporting teams and activities from across Hampton Roads joined the Beach youngsters for an afternoon of karate kicks, cheering, gymnastics and more. Representatives from Wind and Sun Tae Kwon Do Black Belt Academy trained students in self-defense and even gave board-breaking demonstrations. Other participants were the Hampton Roads Mariners, Ocean Tumblers, Virginia Wesleyan College, Cox High School, Great Neck Middle School and Old Dominion University.

Peace of mind key to unlocking healing

The Integrative Healing Arts Center in Virginia Beach will begin a weekly meeting of "The Healing Circle" on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Nick Siano, the author of the HIV manual "No Time to Wait" and founder of "The Brooklyn Healing Group," will be the main facilitator with periodic guest co-facilitators.

This spiritual support group will be free of charge, but donations will be accepted.

Designed to foster peace of mind by working on the thought patterns which create unrest, The Healing Circle will be an experiential support group, focusing on issues within your mind that could prevent healing.

Physical healing, the healing of relationships, self image, occupation, and/or, prosperity will all be addressed. Meditation, affirmation, massage, hands on healing, discussion and other processes will be employed to help in the release of negative thought patterns and the creation of positive new thoughts.

At the Integrative Healing Arts center, we call this group 'our gift to the community' — the gifts of peace, positive energy and healing — in a time of planetary evolution.

In 1984 in New York City, Samuel Kirshner began a "Healing Circle," a group based on the work of Louise L. Hay. A membership core of people with AIDS expanded quickly to anyone dealing with illness and then to all who were interested in improving their live by developing a new spiritual awareness.

Shortly afterward, Hay began a healing circle in Los Angeles, fondly known as "The Hay Ride." Siano began a healing circle in Brooklyn, "The Brooklyn Healing Group." All these groups grew substantially, with attendance of 500 people and more on any given night.

Facilitator Siano is a native New Yorker who moved to Norfolk two years ago. "No Time to Wait," the most popular HIV manual ever, has changed the face of HIV.

Dr. Deepak Chopra, the world renowned quantum physicist, wrote, "'No Time to Wait' is a book I prayed someone would write. I will recommend it to all my patients."

Best selling-author Marianne Williamson called the book "a light in the darkness."

Siano has been working with the terminally ill since 1982 and holds a bachelor degree in human and community services, with a major in psychology, from Empire State College, a State University of New York. He has earned more than 30 certifications from the Narcotic and Drug Research Institute; Department of Health, city of New York; the AIDS Resource Center of Tidewater; and others.

He is a graduate of the Hay Institute intensive training program, facilitated by Louise Hay and is certified by the institute.

He works with clients all over the world providing information on treatment options, alternative and allopathic, for AIDS and cancer. He leads a popular HIV support group in the area and is currently a case manager with an AIDS service organization in the Tidewater area.

For more information about the group, call the Integrative Healing Arts Center, 496-4861.

Environmentalist awarded DAR Conservation Medal

A dedicated champion of the environment, Mary M. Heinricht of Virginia Beach, will be honored by the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter of the American Revolution (DAR) at a meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Francis Land House.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. with the ceremony following at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Donald J. Gonchar of Vienna, VA DAR state conservation chairman, will present the National Society's Conservation Medal to Heinricht, who was nominated for this award by the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter and enthusiastically endorsed by scores of local, state and national conservationists.

Although the DAR has long been known for its service in preserving historic sites and relics of the past, the Society established a Conservation Committee in 1909, long before conservation was popular. Since then, the Daughters have shown concern for our natural vital resources and have supported sound legislative programs to preserve our environment. The Conservation Medal is an opportunity to recognize men and women who have distinguished conservation records.

The honoree's record includes community conservation efforts, advocacy, education, facilitation and project coordination of environmental concerns. She has received many honors and awards from organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, the Chesapeake Bay Program Local Government Advisory Committee and the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission.

Dr. Carl W. Fisher, retired NOAA captain of Oceanographer, The Elizabeth River Project, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board, concluded, "I highly recommend Mary be awarded the Society's Conservation Medal. She is truly the heart and soul of our efforts to conserve and protect Southeastern Virginia's environment."

"I was able to work closely with Heinricht in the development of the Virginia Beach Agriculture Reserve Program (ARP). In developing the first such program in the State of Virginia, she was most instrumental in bringing together all of the factors: legal, financial and political, which must come together to create such an innovative program," wrote E.D. Block, Director, Department of Management Services, Virginia Beach.

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No 'hard knocks' about new staging of classic 'Annie'

By Eric Stevens
Arts Correspondent

Daddy Warbucks is not the only one who'd like to adopt Little Orphan Annie, as played by winsome Adrienne Warrent.

This 10-year-old honor student performed with the Moscow Ballet in "The Nutcracker" and is a starter on an all-boys basketball team.

Appealing at all times, she is especially irresistable in her patent-leather shoes and red dress in the Hurrah Players' production of "Annie," which opened at the Pavilion Theatre. Subsequent performances will be at Willett Hall in Portsmouth.

Oliver Warbucks is played by a lanky physician, Peter Heyl, who had to shave his head for the role. His daughters Ashton and Adair, and his wife Adair also appear.

Brilliantly costumed Punjab (Alix Picard) almost stole the show with a few dance steps — the cast needed to wait for his laughs before proceeding. But that's what opening night is for — to test audience reaction.

Franklin Roosevelt was played effectively by Bob Buchette in a more-than--token role. One tot, Paige Childers, although only seen in the chorus, projected much pizazz and appears to be a natural talent. Sandy was Sir Rumples of Roanoke. To find an acting dog must require quite a search.

To these ears, Charles Strouse' music was exceeded by Martin Charnin's clever lyrics, including "N.Y.C.," "I Don't Need Anything But You," and the optimistic "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" and "Tomorrow," the hit song.

Costumes by Lonna Trent, and sets by John Gresock were excellent. However, seated near the back I had trouble making out portions of the words. Hopefully, the acoustics or engineering at Willett Hall will alleviate this.

The Hurrah Players began in 1984. Hampton Roads owes a huge "thank you" to director Hugh R. Copeland and musical director Polly Martin.

Eric Stevens is a local singer, pianist and bandleader.

Corps Reserves hits the road

The Marine Corps Reserves of Hampton Roads, in partnership with the Marine Corps League and the Founder's Inn of Virginia Beach, will conduct a 5-kilometer road race as a major fundraising and donation effort event for the 50th Anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots' 1997 campaign.

The race, to be run on Saturday, Nov. 15 will be the centerpiece and is expected to draw hundreds of participants of all ages and abilities.

The sanctioned 5K race will be held on the Founder's Inn and Conference Center/Regent University grounds located at the CBN complex in Virginia Beach. It will begin at 9 a.m. with awards for the top three men and women finishers in various age categories. In addition, there will be wheelchair and children's groupings.

A variety of military equipment, demonstrations and public displays will be provided including local high school and Marine Corps bands. Finally, a "fly-in" by a Marine Corps CH-46 helicopter will deliver a special, surprise visitor from the North Pole and many local celebrities will also be on hand to add their presence to the festivities.

December time for 'love renewal'

CBN Ministry Events will present its annual December marriage conference, Renewal of Love, Dec. 4-7. This four-day conference helps couples strengthen their relationships through dynamic teaching and personal counseling opportunities. Couples then celebrate their commitments at a renewal of vows ceremony, along with a wedding cake reception and dance.

Featured speakers Ray and Arlyne Mossholder are a living testimony that marriages can be renewed. Their marriage experienced an emotional and spiritual healing from the Biblical insight Ray received while seeking God during their troubled relationship.

Renewal of Love will be held at the season-decorated Founders Inn and Conference Center, located on the grounds of The Christian Broadcasting Network, Virginia Beach. Hundreds of thousands of holiday lights will don the buildings and trees, making the location a Yuletide paradise.

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Legends and lore underscore 'lunacy' of superstitions

By Bob Ruegsegger
Correspondent

Last weekend talk of 17th-century superstitions was on the minds of guests assembled for the "Legends, Lore and Lunacy" folklore program at the Adam Thoroughgood House.

Ignorance, of course, was the "prime element" of superstitious belief. Adding fear of the unknown to ignorance resulted in an even deeper belief.

Colonial America was an especially intimidating place for the English in the 1600s. Fear of the unknown was in their hearts. The New World was not like the Old World in Europe. The woods, forests, fields and rivers were filled with exotic creatures which inspired both wonder and terror. Fear from attack by the Spanish or the indigenous population was an immediate possibility.

The familiar customs, beliefs and superstitions of the old country were transported to the Virginia Colony. These familiar old superstitions helped the transplanted colonists to feel protected in their new environs in the same way that everyday place names — Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Hampton and York — later served to make them feel at home in their new world.

Roberta Whisman, Thoroughgood House manager, explained that lack of scientific knowledge led people of the 17th century to turn toward superstition for resolving and dealing with life's problems.

"So if they couldn't come up with an explanation scientifically, they came up with one that made sense for their own belief system," she said.

Personal protection from evil spells and sickness was a primary concern. Therefore, charms, amulets and talismans were popular with the people of the 17th century. Common charms included crossing one's fingers for good luck — a custom still practiced today. Amulets and talismans, such as precious stones, rings, bracelets, and selected animal parts, were believed to supply the wearer with "imagined protection" from sickness and other evils because they possessed special powers.

Copper bracelets, four-leaf clovers, and rabbits feet were some of the preferred talismans that have traveled through time to the present day.

Many good luck pieces were passed down from generation to generation. Early wills were a testament to the value and importance that the first settlers placed upon objects that were believed to bring good luck.

Many 17th century superstitions, as might be imagined, centered upon the protection of the home and hearth.

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The horseshoe, for example, was a talisman of good luck. Mounted points upward above the front door of a dwelling, it was believed to bring good luck and to keep witches from entering.

Witches were afraid of horses (that's why they rode brooms) and would associate the shoe with the horse. If the horseshoe were mounted points down, it was believed that the luck would "run out."

It was also believed unlucky to cut, buy or use a new broom in the month of May (broom salesmen in England and Colonial Virginia would take their vacations in May when broom sales were down dramatically). When a new broom was first used, it had to be first employed to sweep something inside the home. If it were otherwise used, all the good luck would be swept out of the home.

An additional household superstition involved handling and dropping eating utensils while attending to preparing meals or setting a table. If a knife happened to be dropped by accident, it was thought that a male visitor could be expected. While if a fork were dropped by mistake, a female visitor could be the next arrival.

If a handful of table ware was dropped, people believed that a large group could be anticipated in the near future.

Historic interpreter Nancy Baker, pointed out the special safeguard that holly trees were believed to provide.

"Then, of course, holly trees were believed to protect houses from lightning, she noted. "If you had a holly tree near your house, it would keep the lightning from hitting your home."

She seemed almost convinced that this old superstition might have some merit.

Spilled salt was the sign of a broken friendship which, of course, was bad luck.

In those early years, having friends (or at least folks that could be counted on in times of trouble) was essential to survival. To lose a friendship was terrible luck.

Romance and love was another important focus of 17th-century superstition.

It was believed that a young woman could catch a glimpse of her future husband in the mirror by candlelight if, when combing her hair, she ate an apple.

Many a Colonial maiden, fantasized about snaring a vision of her future mate while chomping on a Granny Smith or a Golden Delicious. The only drawback was the remote possibility that the image of the devil might appear instead. Many Colonial women (some modern women too) didn't realize that they had actually married the devil until some time after the wedding. By that time, of course, it was far too late.

Another romantic superstition was associated with Midsummer's Eve. It was believed that if a woman, on Midsummer's Eve, dipped her shift in fair water (fresh, spring water), turned it wrong side out and hung it on a chair before the fire that she could "divine the image of the man that she would marry." On another chair opposite the shift, some salt had to be placed. Perhaps the most difficult part of this ritual was that silence was required during the procedure.

Finally, the heavy emphasis that was placed upon witches and witchcraft regarding 17th century superstitions made it clear that people of that period considered witches and witchcraft to be real threats. Witchcraft trials in Princess Anne County and Salem, Massachusetts indicated that being accused of witchcraft was serious business — a hanging offense.

Irene Halle, the interpreter who portrays Grace Sherwood, the Witch of Pungo, was also on hand at the Thoroughgood House to tell Sherwood's side of the witch story.

According to Halle, "Grace Sherwood was a victim of jealousy because she was beautiful and independent." The additional fact that she tended to be "flirtatious with other women's husbands" probably had a good deal to do with her being accused and convicted of witchcraft by an "unbiased" jury of women.

In her hand, Halle held a glass vessel plugged with a cork called a "witch's bottle."

This device was used to protect homes from witches in 17th century Virginia. She went on to explain, "Some of these have actually been found near old homes in Princess Anne County."

"They contain iron nails and brass pins and they must have human urine in them," Halle said. "Then you turn them upside down and bury them near the home that you want protected," she illustrated. "In turning them upside down, you're reversing any spell that a witch might cast," explained Halle.

In addition to burying bottles near the house and nailing horseshoes to the front door to ward off witches, it was a common practice to plant a fir tree of some sort near the front door.

Baker told of the 17th-century beliefs regarding these trees.

"Before a witch could go into a household, she had to count all the needles on the cedar. Of course, she would get tired of that and just go on her way."

Another prevailing practice was to place a knife, salted bread, and a Bible in a baby's cradle to ward off witches and the Devil. Witches, it was believed hated salt, and would stay clear. They believed the knife would cut evil spells and that the Bible would keep the Devil away.

Salt was also sprinkled in the doorways to discourage witches from entering the house, and the herb rosemary was believed to offer protection against evil spirits, the evil eye, and witchcraft. It was frequently stuffed in a lock or worn on one's person to ward off evil.

These old superstitious beliefs were taken very seriously by those who lived in 17th-century Virginia Beach. There was more to them than just habit or custom because they not only influenced thought, they affected behavior.

Even today there is a certain quaint charm to some of these old superstitions and some of them among segments of the population even today. Hindsight is 20/20.

In our times, of course, the superstitions of the 1600s might look a little foolish. It's easy to be amused and chuckle at these peculiar 17th-century beliefs that stemmed from ignorance and fear. It's also easy to dismiss those poor fools of that time as being incredibly gullible to believe such drivel. If they are to be judged at all, it's only fair that it must be within the context of the time period in which they lived. We must be careful when throwing stones.

Have we really "wised up" over the last 300 years? Of course, anyone seriously holding such superstitious beliefs today would be laughed out of town or awarded a scholarship to a mental institution (perhaps even elected to the school board or city council).

Everyone today knows that to avoid walking under a ladder is just common sense. Something could obviously fall on you. There's certainly nothing unlucky about the number 13. Many large hotels don't even have a 13th floor. Hardly anyone even wears amulets, rings or necklaces anymore, right? They're just a waste of money. And that business of black cats being witches?



Photos by Bob Ruegsegger

ONE BY ONE. Grace Sherwood was seen counting the needles on a cedar tree outside the Thoroughgood House.



SUPERSTITIONS. A Bible, knife and crust of bread were frequently placed in a baby's cradle to ward off witches.



LIGHTING THE WAY. Jennifer McArdle sheds a little light on the superstitious beliefs of 17th-century English colonists.



An artful display

Students in Leslie Baker's art classes at Red Mill Elementary School are learning to recognize famous artists and their characteristic styles by becoming part of a masterpiece. Each month Baker chooses an artist and paints a re-creation a well-known masterpiece with an oval cut out in lieu of a face. Grant Wood's "American Gothic," modeled by fifth graders Adair Renkoski and Charles Schirra, was a favorite. Students also enjoyed mimicking the anguish in Edvard Munch's "The Scream." Photographs of the students with prints of the featured artist's work make an eye-catching bulletin board.

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SPCA walk more than case of 'puppy love'



Photos by Aune Kirk

ALL DOLLED UP. Anita Gilchrist and pooch Milo donned matching clothes for the dog walk. Together they raised more than $1,000 for the SPCA.

By Aune Kirk
Correspondent

There was plenty of tail wagging and canine love Sunday at the Virginia Beach SPCA's annual Walk for the Animals at Tidewater Community College.

One of the society's biggest fund-raisers, it generally averages $15,000, said walk chairman Kat Lambert.

Although the event didn't receive its normal turnout because of the rain, participants walked inside of the tent. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes and the most money raised.

The owners were cool, calm and collected and their pets well-behaved, friendly and cute. The dogs varied widely in size, colors and breeds. But, the bond between the dogs and their owners was unmistakable and remarkable.

Ashly Mystry brought her 5-year-old Mexican chihuahua, Rojo to the event. The two-pound dog shivered with nervousness and cold, but challenged any dog that came near her master.

"She doesn't like large dogs near me," Mystry said. "A big dog knocked me down one time, and Rojo saw it. Now she's very protective. She's a Great Dane in a teeny, tiny little body."

Mystry said she first became interested in chihuahuas after she was in a car accident, and wanted a little dog to sit on her lap. She breeds the animals and said they are low maintenance and have few health problems.

Mystry became involved with the SPCA Walk for the Animals because she loves critters and wants to "help out" any way she can. She also has a cat, other dogs, a bird and a snake at home.

Volunteer Liz Reynolds brought Daisy, her white, 10-year-old shaggy mixed breed to help with the event.

Like many of the others, Daisy is an SPCA "alumni" and Reynold's favorite companion. The pooch travels with Reynolds on business trips and even stays at hotels with her.

Reynolds bragged that Daisy is an SPCA "success" story.

"She does elevators, escalators and revolving doors," Reynolds said.

According to Community Outreach Director Dale Johnson, the Virginia Beach SPCA chapter has been operating for 32 years.

"We are the only animal shelter to spay and neuter the animals before they go home," he said. "We also find homes for about 65 percent of all dogs and 35 percent of all cats."

The society will take any animal brought to it. It not only provides the animal with another chance at a good home, but also provides community education on the importance of spaying and neutering to keep down the number of unwanted animals. The society also provides education on the responsibility of and the commitment to pet companions.

"We often get animals from people who have had an animal for 5 years or more, and they're moving to an apartment and can't keep the animal," he said.

Johnson said the abandonment and loss of its family is really hard and scary for any animal, so the society provides a three-page adoption form addressing those issues so people can look at possible future problems such as moving, time commitment etc. before adopting an animal.

The society also utilizes the services of 200 active adult volunteers and 100 junior volunteers, aged 13 to 17. It uses mentally and physically challenged community service volunteers to help make litter boxes and work in pet therapy programs and it provides a summer camp for children whose mothers are in the area of battered women shelters.

"We want to show the kids that animals can be trained without violence," Johnson said of the camp.



PUCKER UP! Volunteer Chrissy Winnings, 15, donned a dog suit to lead the SPCA walk-a-thon and playfully planted a doggie kiss on 12-year-old Adam Wilkinson.

The society is always looking for volunteers and is currently looking for volunteers to help with their bingo program that will be starting soon. For more information of the services of the shelter, donations, volunteer programs or available animals, call 427-0070.

Hampton Roads on the Move

Area leaders head to Seattle

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a visit to Seattle Nov. 16-18 by more than 60 area leaders. This inaugural inter-regional visit also is supported by the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance and the Hampton Roads Partnership.



Oberndorf

The delegation will explore ways to develop an environment to attract private sector technology companies and create technology jobs in the Hampton Roads region, learning from experiences of leaders in Seattle.

Participants include business, education, military and community leaders and public officials from throughout Hampton Roads.

Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf is serving as honorary co-chairman of the trip, along with Gregory N. Stillman, 1997 chamber volunteer chairman and managing partner of Hunton and Williams. R. Bruce Bradley, president and publisher of *The Virginian-Pilot* and 1998 Chamber volunteer chairman, is serving as chairman of the trip.

The Seattle trip is the first in what chamber leaders envision to be an annual public/private venture co-chaired by the chamber's volunteer chairman and a mayor of a Hampton Roads city selected on a rotating basis.

The inter-regional visit concept will allow Hampton Roads leaders to meet with public and private leaders from progressive regions across the United States in order to learn how other metropolitan areas address key development issues. The shared information and experiences will foster a common sense of regional purpose and help Hampton Roads reach its fullest potential.

Technology was selected as the focus of the first inter-regional visit because Hampton Roads is the fastest-growing region in Virginia in technology job creation. These jobs pay nearly 50 percent more than jobs in the region's existing job market.

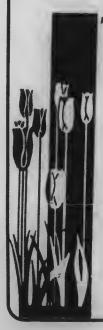
Participants will hear from representatives of such companies as the Seattle Technology Alliance, Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association, Washington Software and Digital Media Alliance and MicroSoft, as well as leaders of the University of Washington, Seattle City Council and city of Redmond.

American Marketing Association meeting to be held on Nov. 13

With the advent of new technology and connectivity, marketing is shifting from the corporate world to the individual consumer. This new focus will be the topic of the November meeting of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Marketing Association.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at The Harbor Club. The guest speaker will be Jack McNamara III, a healthcare consultant with more than 25 years experience.

McNamara most recently served as Senior Vice President of Sentara Health System. His consulting engagements focus is on Strategic Planning for Integrating Delivery Systems.



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Wesleyan opens Shakespeare's 'Measure'

William Shakespeare's comedy "Measure for Measure" will open at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6 in the Hofheimer Theater on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College. Performances continue at 8 p.m. Nov. 7-8, 12-15 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9.

The play is directed by *Port Folio Magazine's* "1996 Lifetime Achievement in Theater" award recipient H. Rick Hite, VWC professor of theater/communications. Jerald Pope, technical director, designed the set and lights. The large cast features Virginia Wesleyan students, alumni and faculty, as well as two community members — Tim Morton of WHRO and Paul Johnson, a professor of English at Tidewater Community College.

The play was performed at court before King James on Dec. 26, 1604. It is referred to as a "problem comedy" because along with the comic it explores many human concerns.

In the play, the abuse of power takes the form of orders for summary executions, sexual harassment and forced marriage. Other issues in this comedy are hypocrisy, religious intolerance, sexual license, bawdry, voyeurism, police brutality and general human cruelty. Shakespeare doesn't miss a trick.

The production is set in present-day Virginia instead of 16th-century Vienna.

Admission is $8 for adults; $5 for students and senior citizens. Reservations are requested. Call 455-5700.

Regent sees Saul in new light

Regent University Theatre will present its first mainstage production of the 1997-98 season, "Saul, Sam and the Song-And-Dance-Man."

This hilariously serious adventure portrays the infant nation of Israel choosing its first king, the naive and reluctant Saul, and follows his leadership from its humble beginnings, through his very real human struggles with life and death decisions, to his life's violent and tragic end.

The original piece was written by Dr. Charles Parker in 1986 as an improvisation work and premiered at what was then CBN University.



SINGING SAUL. The Regent University Theatre's production of "Saul, Sam and the Song-And-Dance-Man" runs through Nov. 16.

It was so successful at that time that it was taken to a professional theatre in North Carolina and was produced again in Virginia Beach in 1988. In each of these productions, the lead role was played by Tim Wright, who is directing the current production.

Wright describes "Saul, Sam and the Song-And-Dance-Man" as "comedy with a tragic thread. Although the dialogue and the action are very funny, there is a deep and disquieting message in the story. You laugh through the show, but leave with a sense of being confronted with something important. It takes a familiar story from the Bible, knocks if off its religious pedestal and makes the tragic struggle that took place in the life of a nation and an individual accessible to us."

This year's production incorporates a number of additions to the original script, including several rewritten scenes and a newly-written collaborative musical component composed by Letha Holland-Deel and Tim Wright. Musical direction is by recording artist and songwriter Letha Holland-Deel who was selected earlier this year to sing for the NBC Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C.

The talented 10-member cast, consisting primarily of new students in Regent's graduate school, bring to life this familiar Old Testament account of the birth of Israel's early politics within a modern day urban setting, complete with graffiti and the threat of terrorism. This election year come and see this provocative and creative piece of theatre.

"Saul, Sam and the Song-and-Dance-Man" runs through Nov. 16; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. There will be two school shows on Nov. 5 and 11 at 10 a.m. Tickets are $6 general admission, $5 for students and seniors. Group rates are available.

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Jaycees bowl for leukemia

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The Virginia Beach Jaycees will host an afternoon of bowling fun on Sunday, Nov. 16 at Pinboys of Lynnhaven. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m., and the event follows at 1 p.m. Jaycee chapters throughout Virginia have joined with the Leukemia Society of America to raise money for leukemia research and direct financial assistance for individual who are stricken with leukemia or a related cancer.

This will be the Second Corporate Bowl Challenge in Virginia Beach by the Virginia Beach Jaycees. Virginia Jaycees joined forces with the Leukemia Society of America last fall and have raised over $50,000 for the year.

According to Rosalee Baker, event coordinator at the Leukemia Society, the event is called a Corporate Bowl Challenge because it is targeted at businesses, but anyone can put a team together and play.

"We anticipate having some teams of friends, family members and neighbors. Everyone has fun bowling," she said.

There is no registration fee, but teams must register in advance in order to receive an information packet and to reserve their spot at Pinboys of Lynnhaven. Only four-person teams will be able to register, so register your team early. Participants will receive three free games of bowling, shoes and afternoon refreshments.

"It doesn't matter if you bowl a 300 or an 85," added Baker "we're here to have fun and to find a cure for leukemia and related cancers." Participants have the opportunity to earn prizes such as T-shirts, sweatshirts and gift certificates to local stores.

Anyone interested in receiving information on registering a team can call Baker at 1-800-866-4483 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Frank G. & Barbara L. Scholley. Property is located at 922 East Sparrow Road. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Lenwood B. & Robin S. Ireland. Property is located at 924 Sparrow Road East. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

3. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for John B. & June H. Myers. Property is located at 4012 Richardson Road. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Enoch Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the south side of Moore's Pond Road, 583.72 feet east of Baker Road. Said parcel is located at 5641 Moore's Pond Road and contains 3.314 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Checkered Flag Motor Car Company, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile sales, repair and service, sale of parts and parking & storage of vehicles on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 260 feet more or less east of Kings Grant Road. Said parcel is located at 2981 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 34,281.7 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Abundant Life Ministries for a Conditional Use Permit for a church and a school (pre-school, tutoring, GED program) on the north side of Indian River Road, 150 feet more or less west of Military Highway. Said parcel is located at 6530 & 6532 Indian River Road and contains 3.636 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Tiara Properties, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast corner of General Booth Boulevard and S. Birdneck Road. Said property is located at 900 General Booth Boulevard and contains 33,541 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Gayle E. Jr. & Jacqueline Rountree, T/A Holly Ridge Manor for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial pet kennel on the south side of Seaboard Road and west of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel is located at 2997 Seaboard Road and contains 60 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Outdoor Resorts of Virginia Beach, Condominium Assoc. Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a community pier on the east side of Sandpiper Road, south of Kabler Road. Said property is located at 3665 Sandpiper Road and contains 62.573 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Buddhist Association of Hampton Roads for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the south side of Bonney Road, east of Kenley Road. Said parcel is located at 4915 Bonney Road and contains 2.44 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:

11. Application of Brian J. & Stefany Domat for a modification of conditions placed on the application for a change of zoning district classification from R-5D to O-1 approved by City Council on March 25, 1997. Property is located at 221 Thalia Road. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 8, 1997:

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Pace Construction Development Corp., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Ferrell Parkway and General Booth Boulevard. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 6 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Rennie Petroleum Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline pumps in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and N. Plaza Trail. Said parcel is located at 3397 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 30,099.9 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Diamond Springs Shoppes Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline pumps in conjunction with a convenience store at the southeast intersection of Diamond Springs Road and Shell Road. Said parcel is located at 1270 Diamond Springs Road and contains 2.23 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of The Dragas Companies, a Virginia Corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-12 Apartment District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-12 is for multifamily land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Suburban Medium Density Residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 12.278 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Windsor Oaks West, Parcel 2 L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on certain property located at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Shoreline Court. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail/service use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 2.579 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole and communications equipment shelter on certain property located on the south side of Indian River Road, west of West Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 2765 Indian River Road and contains 35.06 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:

18. Ordinance to amend Section 501 of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow commuter or satellite parking as a conditional use within residential zoning districts, subject to certain limitations.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For more information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
GRANVILLE COUNTY
96-E-243
Before The Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
CLAUDE BENNETT COGGINS

The Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction of the probate of wills and the administration of estates, and upon application of the fiduciary, has adjudged legally sufficient the qualification of the fiduciary named below and orders that Letters be issued in the above estate.

The fiduciary is fully authorized by the laws of North Carolina to receive and administer all of the assets belonging to the estate, and these Letters are issued to attest to that authority and to certify that it is now in full force and effect.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Superior court.

OCTOBER 3, 1996
HATTIE JEAN S. OVERTON
Clerk of Superior Court
JUDY COGGINS,
ADMINISTRATRIX
1681 HOLLY DRIVE
CREEDMOOR, NC 27522

44-1
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Public Notice

Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Christopher Michael Beasley
Order of Publication

The object of this suit is to obtain the adoption of Christopher Michael Beasley by Eric Jason Cartwright and Sandra Louise Cartwright, husband and wife and based on an affidavit filed herein, the Court finds that there exist sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Jason Matthew Easterling, whose last known address is unknown, appear at the above-named Court and protect his interests on or before November 5, 1997.

Date: 10-6-97
Yvette Pierce DC Clerk

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4t10-31

Public Notice

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, November 18, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
BAYSIDE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of McDonald Nurseries of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located on the south side of Mason Street beginning at a point 650 feet more or less east of Independence Boulevard on Lots 2, 3 & 4, Reedtown. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban low density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.9 acres more or less. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-24 Apartment District to R-5D Residential Duplex District on the south side of Bonney Road, 543.4 feet east of Kenley Road. The proposed zoning classification change to R-5D is for single family duplex land use on lots no less than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban low density residential at densities that are compatible with townhouse use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4915 Bonney Road and contains 1.45 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from P-1 Preservation District to Conditional O-2 Office District on Parcel A, Section 1, Kempsville Greens. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional O-2 is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for parks/recreation use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at the northeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Kempsville Greens Parkway and contains 1.099 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Disabled Veterans of Virginia Beach, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a lodge on Parcel A, Section 1, Kempsville Greens. Said parcel is located at the northeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Kempsville Greens Parkway and contains 1.099 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

PUNGO BOROUGH

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Larry M. & Christine E. Pinkston for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative rural residential development on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 1864.3 feet north of Gum Bridge Road. Said parcel contains 13.45 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Christ Episcopal Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the north side of Holland Road, 280 feet more or less of Buym Farm Road. Said parcel contains 4.707 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

ENLARGEMENT OF NON-CONFORMING USE:

7. Application of Kenneth Carlton Reaves for the enlargement of a nonconforming use on certain property located at 908 Old Dam Neck Road. Said parcel contains 2.5 acres. Plats with more detailed information are available in the Planning Department. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4401 Witchduck Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Linda Masciola dated April 24, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3732, page 1492, securing a loan which was originally $232,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Virginia Beach Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on November 07, 1997 at 8:00 a.m., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot No. 8, Subdivision of Donation Shores, Bayside Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia, recorded April 6, 1965 in Map Book 71, at page 25. Tax Map #1478 64 9273 0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A non-refundable deposit of $23,200.00 cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Substitute Trustees
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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE
IN RE:
JESSICA D. HILL, Plaintiff v.
MICHAEL SEAN NANCE, Defendant
CASE NO. CH97-3245
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce and determination of related matters.

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL SEAN NANCE appear and protect his interest, on or before December 5, 1997, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in THE VIRGINIA BEACH SUN, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: Sept. 26, 1997
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Bill Maull, Deputy Clerk

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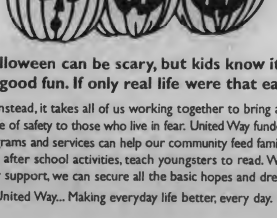
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HEARTFELT. Wendy Burke of Chesapeake hit the trail at Trashmore to raise money for heart disease and stroke and brought along a special reminder, a picture of her 2-year-old son. Young Zachary is a survivor of heart surgery.

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Some walkers remained silent, some laughed and joked, and some sang to the rhythm of the rain.

Marking the walk route were 12 different posters with the faces and stories of Virginians who survived the heart disease and/or stroke that kill more Americans annually than cancer, AIDS and accidents combined. Many of the walkers had even closer encounters with heart disease.

Wendy Burke, of Chesapeake, walked in honor of her 2-year-old son, Zachary and wore a card with the boy's picture and the date of his surgeries.

"My son is a survivor," she smiled. "Now he's as normal as normal can be."

Little Zachary was born with a congenital heart that was corrected at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. Burke received a lot of support during that time from the organization Hearts United Give Strength and Support, better known as HUGSS.

Kenneth and Tabatha Riendeau of Norfolk had a similar story. Their 2-year-old daughter Raven was diagnosed with an atrium septrical decept when she was 9 months old.

"She had a hole in her heart about two centimeters big," Tabatha said.

The problem caused Raven's body to constantly be under pressure as if she had walked a mile. When the hole was fixed at Yale University Medical Center, the baby's energy level increased and she hasn't slowed down since.

The Riendeaus raised $50 to help support the American Heart Association.

"Someone else raised money to help her," Tabatha said, pointing to the tot, who sat happily in a two-seater covered stroller with her 4-year-old brother, Jacob. "Hopefully, we've raised enough to help someone else."

One of the volunteers, 13-year-old Jeff Uptagrafft of Virginia Beach stayed dry under the tent where he sold raffle tickets for a bicycle and chatted with walkers who came in.

"My grandfather is a heart survivor," he said. "He lives in South Carolina." Uptagrafft wore a red ball cap inscribed with the words "Fighting Back," a cap also worn by many of the walkers who were survivors of heart attack or stroke.

In another affair of the heart, John Rosario of Norfolk pranced around in his bright red "Heartman" costume.

"This pumps me up," he proclaimed, thumping his chest.

Rosario and his own "heart-throb," Angela Paneitz, met at an American Heart Walk in Lakeland, Fla. and have been involved with the organization locally since 1995. The two have also just gotten their marriage license and are ready to tie the knot.

The couple said they support the American Heart Association because most of its funds are raised through private donations and it has the highest rate of dollars that go directly to research.

"It's also a problem that hits all of us," Paneitz said.

According to national statistics, cardiovascular disease accounts for more than 42 percent of the deaths in the United States. Last year alone, it killed 954,000 Americans.

It is estimated that 250,000 of those deaths, or 12 percent, are due to lack of regular physical activity. Even low-to-moderate activities, when done 30 minutes per day, can benefit individuals. Those activities include pleasure walking, climbing stairs, gardening, yard work, moderate-to-heavy house work, dancing and home exercise.

Doing other aerobic activities, such as brisk walking, running, swimming, bicycling, skating and jump-roping 3-4 times per week for 30-60 minutes are best for improving the heart and lungs.

The American Heart Association urges people to "get moving" by starting slow and having fun. The risk of heart attack can be also be substantially cut by not smoking, controlling high blood pressure, eating a low-fat, low cholesterol diet, and weight control.

Billboards continue to plague Va. Beach

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She said the ordinance was triggered when 60 applications were submitted for billboards all over the city. Council deferred the applications and appointed a committee to review the entire billboard ordinance with the intent to get rid of billboards. "We had some nasty things said to us."

She said that she felt so terrible about some of the signs which had been in the city a long time, but not bad enough to not want to take them down.

She said the Shore Drive sign sends a poor message.

"Whatever we need to do to make the message clear, we should do."

Adams Outdoor Advertising, which owns the Shore Drive billboard, was not cooperative throughout the ordeal.

"They thought they could wear us down."

Macali said that the city was sued in connection with the ordinance in federal court, and won. He said that the ordinance requires that the billboard be on 10,000 square feet of property and includes setbacks and lot frontage requirements. He said the requirements make it impossible to subdivide the property so that space could be reserved for a billboard.

Councilman Linwood Branch said that some of the property where billboards are located are not developable. The billboards could remain there. He said the current ordinance should be reinforced.

Harrison said that buying up the property may be one way since the city is trying to make the city better and more attractive. He said that the city needs an alternate solution to the ordinance it has.

Macali said there are other ways and that he would look into them.

City Attorney Leslie Lilley said that both Macali and Janesek have been aggressive in enforcement of the ordinance. They are both experts on the problem" and we have them on our staff," added City Manager James K. Spore.

Branch said that he would like the background on why the ordinance allows the billboards to be repaired.

Macali said that the State Code says that a non-conforming use stays if it is not unused for two years. "I'm not sure we can make (the ordinance) stronger, but we can look, said Macali.

And billboards are not the only offensive signs. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf repeated her indictment of individuals who place signs on trucks, old vans, anything and park them on parking lots. Every time, the city plugs in a loophole, "they" find new ways to get around the law.

Harrison added that realtors' signs proliferate at places like warehouses, although all the spaces may be full, and at least half of them are encroaching in the city right-of-way. He said that he estimates about 50 percent of those signs can be taken down.

That's something else to add to Janesek's domain.

City OK's joint tech center funds

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not include the $1.6 to $1.8 million the city would be committing of its future tax revenue stream growth for its share of the operating costs.

Block estimated that the final financial plan will be a mix of local, private and grant funds, but the majority will come from city sources. The city's share of the million dollar design cost of $600,000 to $700,000 would be in the 1999 budget.

The resolution adopted by council Tuesday is contingent on state support. "If the state does not provide the funds," said Block, "there will be no local commitment."

The resolution commits the city to the provision of up to $13 million for the design, construction and furnishing of the center with the understanding that funding committed by the city will be provided from a variety of sources at the discretion of council.

— Home Improvement —

Steel framing techniques are making fast inroads in home construction

It's a modern version of the fairy tale about the wolf and the three little piggies. One built his house of straw, another of sticks and the third, smartest little piggy, built his of brick. You know the rest.

Now, in an age when the big bad wolves are getting bigger and badder, the smartest little piggy would build his house of nothing less than steel.

Dominant for more than a century in commercial and agricultural construction, steel-framed construction is fast making inroads into residential markets as well.

Homeowners cite many reasons for choosing steel over wood:

■ Lower energy costs. High-strength steel framing allows for much thicker walls that can be better insulated against heat, cold and noise, resulting in a quieter home with lower utility bills.

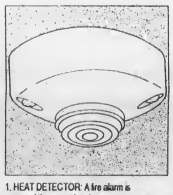
■ Greater strength and safety. Because steel is much stronger and more durable than wood, steel-framed homes can withstand much higher wind loads than conventional wood-framed housing. Steel-framed homes have also been awarded the highest earthquake shock rating used in building codes today, and steel won't burn or contribute to the spread of a fire.

■ Environmental friendliness. The average wood-framed house take approximately one-quarter of an acre of trees to construct. The same home can be framed in steel with the recycled material from four or five scrapped cars.

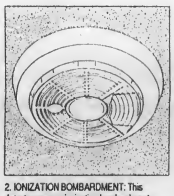
■ Lower maintenance. Steel framing does not attract termites or other insects and will not rot, warp, split or crack like wood.

SMOKE ALARMS

Fire alarms equipped with smoke detectors are your most important protection against the threat of fire while you sleep. These units, powered either by direct or alternating current, should be installed in rooms or passageways between living areas and bedrooms. This configuration minimizes potential false alarms caused by kitchen smoke and warns you of a fire before deadly smoke and fumes can reach your sleeping quarters.



1. HEAT DETECTOR: A fire alarm is activated if a preset interior temperature level is exceeded. Unlike some of the other detector/alarms shown, this unit is connected to a larger fire-control system, such as a sprinkler system.



2. IONIZATION BOMBARDMENT: This detector uses an ionization bombardment sensor to complete an electrical circuit. If smoke particles interrupt the circuit, an alarm is sounded. This type of detector is battery-powered, and is often equipped with a light that can illuminate stairs, etc.

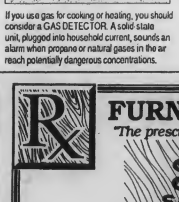
METHODS OF SMOKE DETECTION

Most home smoke detector fire alarms are single-station types -- both the alarm and sensor are housed in the same electrically-powered unit. The common methods of smoke detection are given below, and are often used in tandem.

- **Ionization:** small chambers within the detector are bombarded with radiation, creating an electric current. If smoke particles break this current, the alarm is triggered. Ionization sensors are most effective in detecting the small smoke particles generated by fast-burning fires.
- **Photoelectric:** A light-emitting diode shines continually until smoke scatters light near detector. Large smoke particles released by smoldering fires are detected most easily by photoelectric sensors.



3. DOUBLE DETECTOR UNIT: This uses both ionization and photoelectric sensors. This type is designed to avoid false alarms by filtering out ambient light. It is powered by a single 9-volt battery.



If you use gas for cooking or heating, you should consider a GAS DETECTOR. A solid-state unit, plugged into household current, sounds an alarm when propane or natural gases in the air reach potentially dangerous concentrations.

TIPS

- If your house has more than one storey, or split levels, install fire alarms with emergency lights over stairways along fire exit routes.
- Fire alarms alone are not enough; you should also have a rehearsed plan of escape. Make sure that children can unlock doors and windows and have full understanding of escape routes.
- Check batteries and test alarm units regularly.

Fireplace, greenhouse may enhance the value of your home

Fireplaces and greenhouses are the most desired non-essential features in today's homes.

A fireplace not only adds warmth and aesthetic appeal to a home interior, it also can be a good investment.

Adding a fireplace is one of the few remodeling projects that typically enhances the home's market value by more than the project cost.

Two factors that most directly affect the investment value of a fireplace are the location and price of the home.

Like fireplaces, a greenhouse adds a new and highly desirable dimension to the enjoyment of a home.

More than 100,000 American home owners add some type of greenhouse to their home each year.

A modest greenhouse unit is rapidly becoming the most popular and affordable way to add space and character to a home.

And for a plant person, it can be the interest and activity focal-point of the entire residence.

A greenhouse, with many flourishing plants and flowers, can be a mini-paradise for an avid greenthumber.

More than any other part of a house, a greenhouse can be an extension of the owner's personality and tastes.

The addition of a greenhouse may not be as "cost effective" as a fireplace, but it can be an even better investment in terms of owner enjoyment.

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